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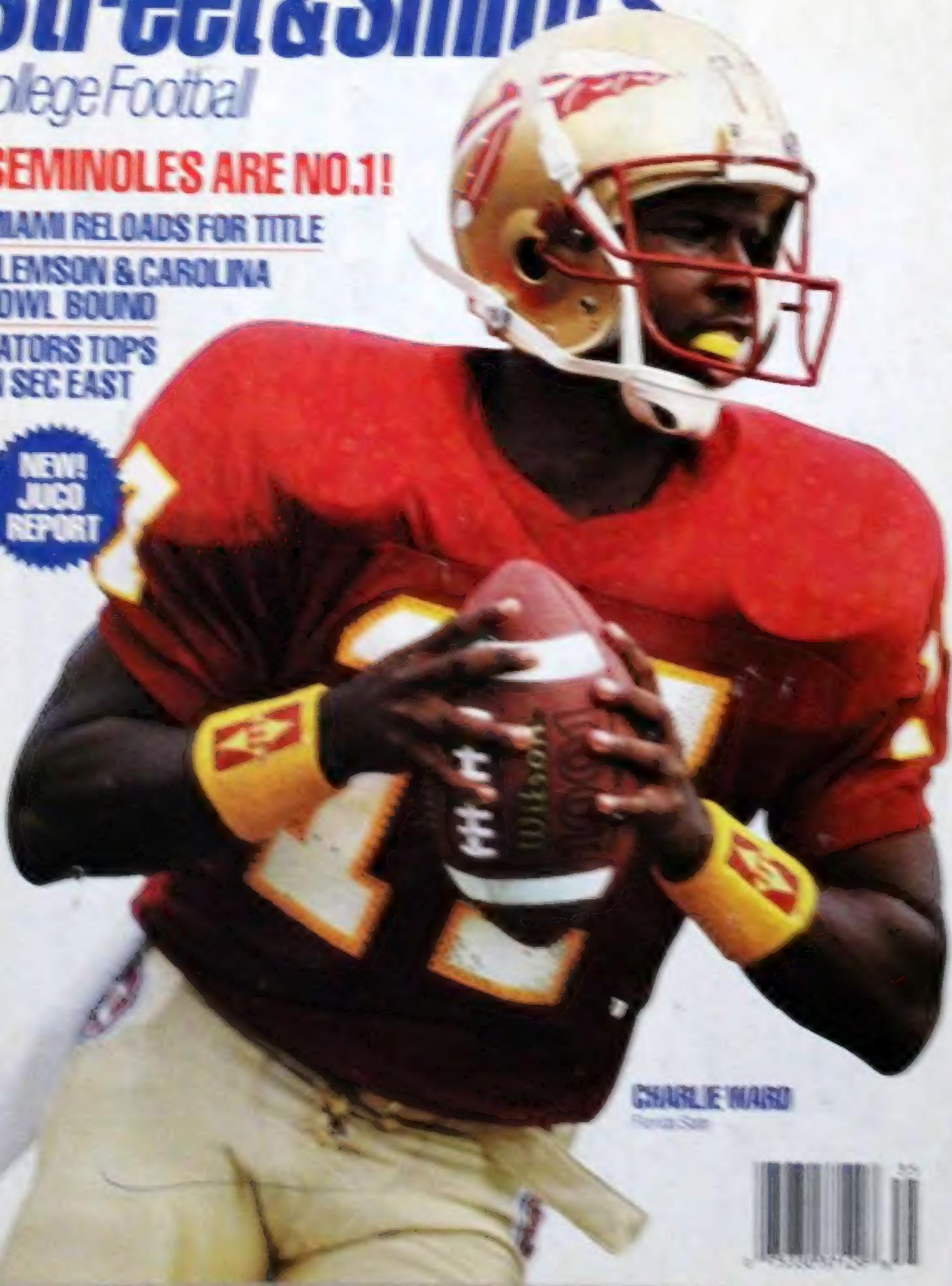
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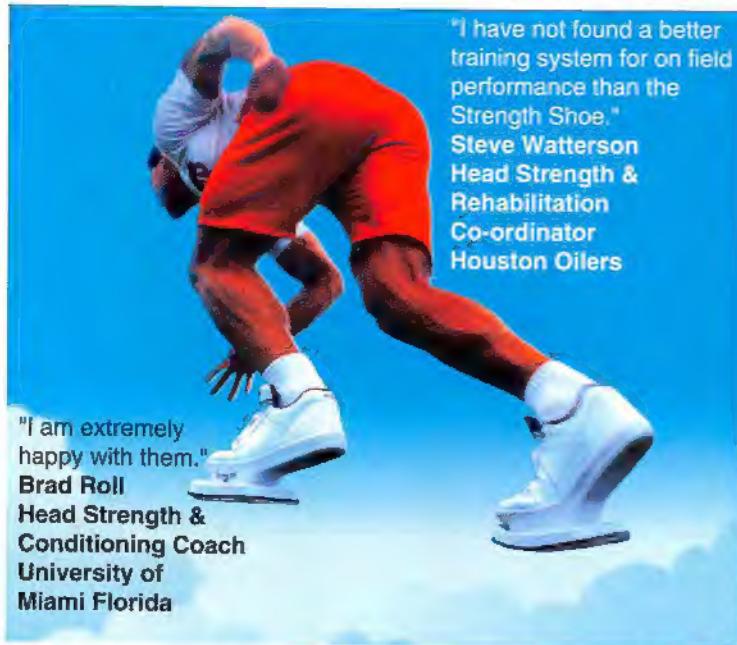


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Letter From the Editor

College football fans will need an atlas this fall as they track their teams across the national map. The Big West, once upon a time the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, last year included Nevada, New Mexico State, Pacific, San Jose State, UNLV, and Utah State. This season, four Division I-A Independent schools have joined the conference: Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech, Northern Illinois, and Southwestern Louisiana. What is going on here? The 10-team Big West now consists of schools from seven different states. Where in the world is Carmen San Diego?

The ranks of the Independents continue to dwindle as athletic department budgets are cut and more schools seek a piece of a league pie. This fall, Penn State officially becomes the 11th member of the Big Ten. (At least the Pac-8 renamed itself the Pac-10 in 1978 when Arizona and Arizona State joined the league.) Perennial power Georgia Southern, which has won four national championships and been runner-up once, will compete for the title in the Southern Conference, the most competitive league in Division I-AA. And Northeastern, William & Mary, and James Madison have forsaken their Independent status and are now part of the Yankee Conference.

The NCAA has reclassified its four divisions. Twenty-seven schools join the ranks of Division I, with eight moving up from Division II and 19 from Division III. Six schools (Butler, Dayton, Drake, Evansville, San Diego, and Valparaiso) have formed the Pioneer League. Four Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference members (Canisius, Iona, St. Peter's, and Siena) and two reluctant football powers from the Big East (Georgetown and St. John's) have come together in a low-profile gridiron MAAC. Nine other former Independents from Division III (Alabama-Birmingham, Buffalo, Charleston Southern, Davidson, Duquesne, Hofstra, Marist, St. Francis of Pennsylvania, and Wagner) and three from Division II (Central Connecticut State, St. Mary's, and Troy State) have taken the step up to I-AA. Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento, and Southern Utah will compete with Division II members Cal Davis and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the Western Football Conference. We have added previews of all 27 teams and included their schedules.

With all of this movement off the field, however, some things have remained constant on it. Miami and Florida State have either started or finished the season ranked No. 1 for the past five years. In the last 31 Associated Press polls, one of those two schools has been at the top 28 times. Look for them in or near that same spot in August and again in January.

Gerard Kavanagh

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Letters

Baseball

I look forward to buying the Street & Smith's *Baseball* issue in March and I enjoy reading the changes in the Players' Targets. Expanding the target areas to include more than just hits, home runs, and RBIs (for hitters) and victories, strikeouts, and shutouts (for pitchers) was a good idea, but cutting back on the inactive and active players was not. And there were a couple of mistakes in the home run chart: You forgot to include Mark McGwire and Rob Deer, with 220 and 205, respectively [at the start of the season.]

DAVID G. OBERG, Burlingame, CA

For the past seven years, I have purchased your *Baseball*, *Football*, and *Basketball* issues, and had no reason to believe that trend would change. However, I acquired the 1993 *Baseball* and was appalled. Whoever wrote the National League preview actually picked the Florida Marlins ahead of the "Fighting Phils!" It is an embarrassment to even think that an expansion team in any sport could come in and finish ahead of an established organization. Furthermore, I believe an apology is in order. The Phillies were picked first by numerous other publications (which I will soon be buying). They have the hitting to stay with anyone in the majors and the best young pitching staff this side of Atlanta. Get

on the bandwagon now while there's still time to save face.

CHRISTOPHER M. PROGIN, Lebanon, PA

I have every issue of your *Baseball* publication since 1941, and used to look forward to your predictions for the upcoming seasons, but now I am resigned to Maury Allen picking the New York Mets because of his "homer" instincts. Admittedly, the National League East is not the strongest division in baseball, but picking the Mets for the reasons he gives is ludicrous. Howard Johnson was going back to third base, where he was arguably the worst fielder in baseball. Eddie Murray has been a fine player, but don't you think it likely that another year will mean less production? Picking Dwight Gooden and Bret Saberhagen to come all the way back because of two late, pressureless games in September is truly wishing on a star. Personally, I pick the Phils to finish ahead of the Mets this year, and the Cards will prevail in the N.L. East.

DAVID N. KLEIN, Danvers, MA

Baseball does inspire passion among its fans. Mr. Allen, who accurately forecast the Mets' fall in 1991, was among the majority of baseball writers who last spring predicted the Mets would finish higher than the Phils, whose transformation has been one of the remarkable stories of the season.

I am the Executive Director of the Czech Baseball Association, which was established after the split of the former Czechoslovakia. The CBA covers all baseball activities through the entire Czech Republic, from kids to seniors, from beginners to Czech national teams. We run competitions, championships, and tournaments. Besides this work, I was invited to announce major league baseball games for Czech TV. But it is impossible to get any baseball publications here in the Czech Republic. Would you be so kind and send me your 1993 *Street & Smith's Baseball*? I appreciate your kindness and understanding.

JAN BAGIN
Executive Director CBA
Czech Republic

My friends and I are planning to replay the 1959 baseball season using Strat-O-Matic Baseball. We would be grateful if you would send us a copy of the 1959 major league schedule.

ANDREW W. WHEELER, Sacramento, CA

Pro Football

Please send me a list of those players taken in the first round of the 1990 NFL draft.

MARK ADRIAN, Westmorland, CA

I have bought a *Street & Smith's Pro Football* issue every year since 1973, the year that Steve Spurrier adorned the cover. So I feel qualified to make the following suggestion: With the introduction of free agency, there has been so much player movement that your readers need a reference source to locate players. Therefore, I propose that you include an alphabetical roster of all the players in the NFL and the American players in the CFL with their respective teams.

BILLY WEDGEWORTH, Northridge, CA

College Football

I have found a way to stir up more interest in football. Now that the goal posts have been narrowed, it is much harder for field-goal kickers to score. I submit to you the following:

1. 3 points for field goals up to 40 yards
2. 4 points for those 41-50 yards
3. 5 points for those over 50 yards

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RAYMOND J. LORENZ, Savannah, GA

Please send me a list of all the past *Street & Smith's College Football* covers. Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope.

B.J. SCHILDBACH, Miami, FL

I am 83 years old and have every copy of *Street & Smith's College Football* since 1954. It's been a pleasure looking forward to your publication every summer. Thanks again for the hours I have enjoyed with *Street & Smith's*.

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MICHAEL REILLY, Orlando, FL

esting to see how a certain class of great promise did, four years later, in big-time college hoops.

ALEX A. NIKULASSON, Vatnsleysustrond, Iceland

I would like to see Street & Smith's give the girls better coverage in the College/Prep Basketball edition, and I would also like you to list the National Football League officials, their hometown, and how long they have been NFL officials.

GEORGE WELLS, Dove Creek, CO

I have enjoyed and collected the Street & Smith's magazines for many years and recently got my copy of the new College Basketball issue. I noticed a couple of changes from previous issues and wondered whether they were intentional or accidental: The new issue doesn't list statistics from the previous season, which I enjoy reviewing, and lists the publication dates for the various 1992 issues (already out) rather than the dates for those in coming year. (Despite the Red Sox' atrocious record, I am already looking forward to the next Baseball magazine and would like to know when it's coming out.)

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JOHN FAWCETT, North Providence, RI

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the 1992 Street & Smith's College/Prep Basketball—

even though not one player from San Diego County was declared All-America. The county hasn't broken off from the mainland and fallen into the ocean. There are at least 15 Division I-caliber players in San Diego.

KENNETH KAVANAGH, La Jolla, CA

As someone who has loved basketball since I was a child, I have one problem with your magazine: Why is it that high school players receive more ink than players from small colleges? Some of the top players in the NBA have come from small colleges. I enjoy your magazine, so keep up the good work.

CHARLES RANKIN, Jacksonville, FL

I have been reading your magazines for many years and especially like the College/Prep Basketball issue. I would like to commend you on the fine job you do in covering college basketball. However, I think you could be much more complete if you provided some insight into Division II, which has given the NBA some great stars. I would like to know if there is another Scottie Pippen or Dennis Rodman on the rise. Please consider giving Division II a closer look in your next edition.

MADISON MAYS, Arcadia, FL

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College Basketball

You are my bible. I check the newsstands for weeks in advance in order to purchase your magazine. I have been reading Street & Smith's since the 1970s. Thank you for years of enjoyment. I still get out the old issues and see how many of your high school profiles are in the NBA. They bring back so many memories of great college players and games.

J.D. HILL, Louisville, KY

I would like an address where I can write to the University of Michigan Wolverines.

ARGONNE QUINTANA, Dulce, NM
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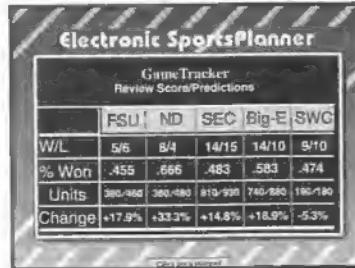
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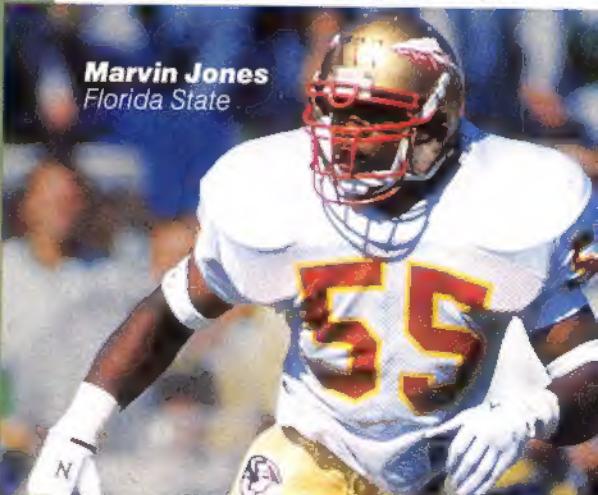
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Junior Achievers

Most of the underclassmen drafted in the first two rounds in 1990-92 were successful immediately.

by LARRY FELSER

BUFFALO NEWS

"How 'Bout Them Dawgs?" Usually that's the battle cry of University of Georgia fans when success seems imminent. Barely had the equipment been cleaned and put away after last season when another slogan would have been appropriate: "How Sweet It Might Have Been."

Until that time, any mention of the 1993 football season sent visions of Sugar Bowl plums dancing in the heads of Bulldog loyalists. From Valdosta to Dothan, expectations of a Southeastern Conference championship, or at least the Eastern portion of it, seemed reachable to most Georgia fans. With quarterback Eric Zeier passing to wide receiver Andre Hastings and Garrison Hearst conceivably running all the way to the Heisman Trophy, anything seemed possible. The expectations traveled beyond state borders.

Then came the deadline for college underclassmen to declare for the pro draft. First Hearst, the running back who blurred Georgia memories of Herschel Walker, announced his intention to skip his senior season. Then Hastings, not only the team's feature receiver but also one of the nation's best return threats, announced that he, too, was leaving.

Georgia on His Mind

Ray Goff, the Georgia coach, is philosophical. "We went .500," he said ruefully. "We lost Hearst and Hastings, but two others remained. Bernard Williams, our tackle whom I consider the best offensive lineman in the country, is still with us and so is Mitch Davis, an outside linebacker. Both of them had thought about leaving early."

That's the best that college coaches can do about losing underclassmen these days: Be philosophical. Besides, Goff has grown accustomed to it. Since he's been at Georgia, the Bulldogs have lost star running backs Walker, Tim Worley, Keith Henderson, Rodney Hampton, and now Hearst before their eligibility expired.

"I told Hearst he'd have to go," said Goff. "When I heard from the pros where he would be drafted, I told him he can't turn down that kind of money."

For some other college coaches, it's difficult to be that philosophical. "If it weren't for kids leaving school early," said Charlie McClelland, executive director of the College Coaches Association, "Larry Smith would still be the coach at Southern Cal." Smith's chances to stay at USC diminished when he lost Junior Seau and Mark Carrier after the 1989 season, Todd Marinovich after the '90 season, and running back Mazio Royster after '91. At the time, Seau was the best linebacker in the nation and Carrier the top safety. Marinovich, who started at quarterback as a freshman,

turned pro with two years of eligibility remaining. Without them, Smith's Trojans were unable to fulfill part of his job description: Beat UCLA and Notre Dame.

The problem for most college coaches is how to convince their young players that they will be better off staying in school to complete their eligibility. Most of the underclassmen taken in the first two rounds of the draft in the last three years were successful immediately. As a rookie, Hampton was an essential part of the New York Giants' 1990 Super Bowl winners. Emmitt Smith of Florida was a catalyst for the Dallas Cowboys' 1993 Super Bowl champions. Last year, Smith and ex-Arkansas Razorback Barry Foster won the ground-gaining titles in the NFC and AFC.

The Lack of the Irish

Even the prospect of winning a national championship, much less a conference title, is not the inducement that it might seem to be. Last winter running back Jerome Bettis and cornerback Tom Carter, both juniors at Notre Dame, declared for the draft. They may have reasoned that if the Irish couldn't win the big prize with them playing on the same team with quarterback Rick Mirer, running back Reggie Brooks, linebacker Demetrius DuBose, and tight end Irv Smith—all destined for the premium rounds of the draft—what were Notre Dame's chances without them? In fact, according to some scouts, Mirer may have lowered his draft status when his senior season did not measure up to his junior promise.

The appeal to stay in school, in most cases, has to be made in selfish terms. If you use

Garrison Hearst



Bob Rosato

your remaining eligibility (the argument should go) then your market value is more likely to inflate. Consider the cases of Barry Foster and Terry Allen.

When Foster left Arkansas following his junior year, in which he finished fifth in the Southwest Conference in rushing, he was drafted in the fifth round by Pittsburgh, the 128th player taken. He didn't get to start until the 13th game of his rookie season. The next year he began well, then suffered an ankle injury that caused him to miss eight games. Last season he exploded, leading the NFL with 1,670 yards, a figure far beyond the expectations of any fifth-round draft choice. "If Foster had stayed in school, he would have gone in the second or third round for sure," said Goff. "Maybe the first round."

Despite playing just three college seasons, Allen ran for 2,778 yards at Clemson, just 137 yards under the school record for a four-year

career. He might have shattered that record had he not hurt his knee in his junior year. Despite the injury, he still entered the draft early. Minnesota selected him in the ninth round with the 241st pick. Another knee injury caused him to miss his rookie season, but he started seven games in 1991 and then ran for 1,201 yards last year, an almost unthinkable achievement for a ninth-rounder.

Passing Grades

An even better argument might be applied to quarterbacks leaving school early. In the last three drafts, six underclassmen quarterbacks were selected. Only one, Jeff George of Purdue, whom Indianapolis made the No. 1 choice in the 1990 draft, has been successful. Two of the quarterbacks, Marinovich of USC and Tommy Maddox of UCLA, left school after their sophomore seasons. Despite being handed the starting job by the Raiders last season, Marinovich was an embarrassing flop, sending owner Al Davis into the NFL free-

agent market this year. Maddox, drafted by Denver, had to play as a rookie when the Broncos' star quarterback, John Elway, was injured late last year. But it was obvious that Maddox needed far more experience, and the youngster was confronted with a long period of apprenticeship after Denver signed Elway to a new four-year, \$20 million contract.

Andre Ware left the University of Houston after winning the Heisman Trophy as a junior. Drafted by Detroit with the seventh pick in the first round, Ware seemed in his comfort zone with a team that used the run-and-shoot offense, basically the same one he played in college. Yet Ware hasn't been able to beat out either Rodney Peete or Erik Kramer for the starting job.

Herschel Walker

Rodney Hampton



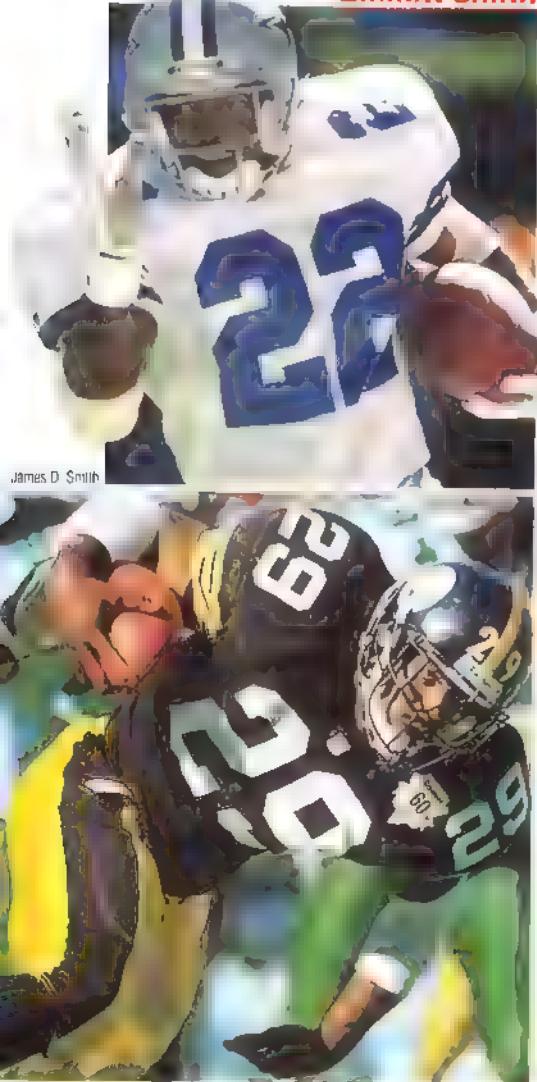
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Junior Achievers

Scott Mitchel skipped his senior season at Utah, but he ran into a situation similar to that faced by Maddox. Drafted in the fourth round by Miami in 1990, he did most of his playing a year ago in the World Football League, on loan to Orlando by the Dolphins, who decided he needed more game experience. Unless the NFL defrosts the World League in some form in 1994 (it was placed in indefinite deep freeze this year) quarterbacks who leave college early will have to get their further playing experience during brief exposure in summer-time exhibition games. Major Harris, one of West Virginia's all-time great quarterbacks ended up in the Canadian Football League where he has struggled.

That doesn't deter some teams from making major investments in unpolished underclassmen quarterbacks. Last summer, in the midst of a veteran quarterback controversy over Phil Simms and Jeff Hostetler, the New York Giants forfeited their first-round choice in the 1993 draft to select Dave Brown of Duke, who decided to forgo his senior season and enter the NFL's supplemental draft. When both Simms and Hostetler were hurt late last season, Brown was of no help to the Giants.

Emmitt Smith



James D. Smith

Running Starts

It is difficult to find many stones to deter running backs from leaving school early. They fare too well. The top ground gainers in the NFC last year, as well as the AFC leader, Foster, came out of college early. Barry Sanders of Detroit was recognized as the NFL's No. 1 ball carrier when he left college after winning the Heisman Trophy as an Oklahoma State junior. Some of the top college coaches don't even try hard to talk their players out of defecting to the pros unless they sincerely feel that the player would benefit from playing more college ball. "It's the kids' decision," said Penn State's Joe Paterno, who lost Richie Anderson, his best back, to the draft this year.

Dick MacPherson has seen it from both sides. Successful as a college coach at Syracuse and currently being paid the final two years of his contract with the New England Patriots (following the coaching changeover as a result of management turmoil), MacPherson thinks it would help if the NCAA and the NFL performed a joint survey each year.

"A good survey could provide guidance to the players as to whether they could expect to be drafted in the first or second rounds and maybe even the third," said Mac. "That way, they would know whether it was worth it to come out early. Obviously, some of them need to play more, like the two quarterbacks Marinovich and Maddox."

Actually, the NCAA and the NFL have met over the issue. McClendon led a college group that included Goff. The NFL group included Don Weiss, the director of planning and general managers; George Young of the Giants and Bobby Beathard of San Diego. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has established a policy of not allowing any player into the draft who has more than a year's eligibility remaining. The pros are sensitive over the issue of drafting underclassmen and actually would prefer not to do it, since it undermines their relationship with college football, their free farm system.

Even the pro scouts in the field avoid discussing the merits of underclassmen until the players officially declare for the draft. They can't do much to stop it, however. For instance, there is a serious question whether Tagliabue's current ban on players with more than one season of eligibility remaining would stand up in court.

Nevertheless, the NFL has benefited from the influx of underclassmen. Of the first 10 players drafted in 1990 and '92, half left college early. This year, the top quarterback, Drew Bledsoe of Washington State, the premier linebacker, Marvin Jones of

Florida State, and most of the best running backs and safeties were underclassmen.

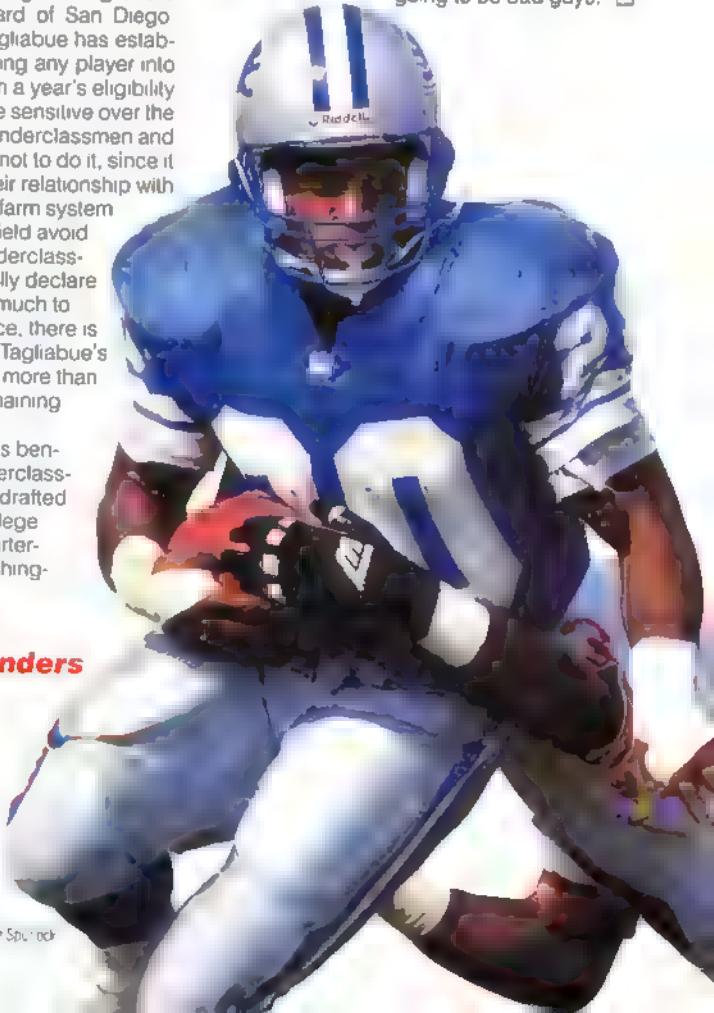
"If Curtis Conway of USC and Sean Dawkins of California hadn't come out early," said one NFL talent boss, "We would have had a really thin crop of receivers."

Guilty or not, the pro scouts have suffered as the colleges have endured the early departures. Access to most school campuses is far more restricted for them now than it was a few years ago. "We did just exactly as the Coaches' Association suggested," said Goff. "We restricted access the same way the NCAA restricts our access when we recruit high school players." That policy led to some petty retaliation last winter. Some college coaches ignore the guidelines set by their association and welcome the pros as they always have. Some of those who didn't found it difficult to get invitations to the NFL's annual talent appraisal in Indianapolis for their players who were borderline prospects.

On the other hand, the outsiders whom the colleges find more difficult to restrict are the agents. "It's almost impossible to control the influence the agents have on the players," said McClendon. "Just this year, three or four underclassmen were told that they were going to be the first cornerbacks selected in the draft. Now, somebody was lying." The NFL Players Association makes an effort to help the situation by publishing an in-depth guide on the agents it certifies. It is available to college players and coaches. Goff said that "the state of Georgia just passed a new law that requires agents be registered, but bad guys are still going to be bad guys." □

Barry Sanders

Barry Foster



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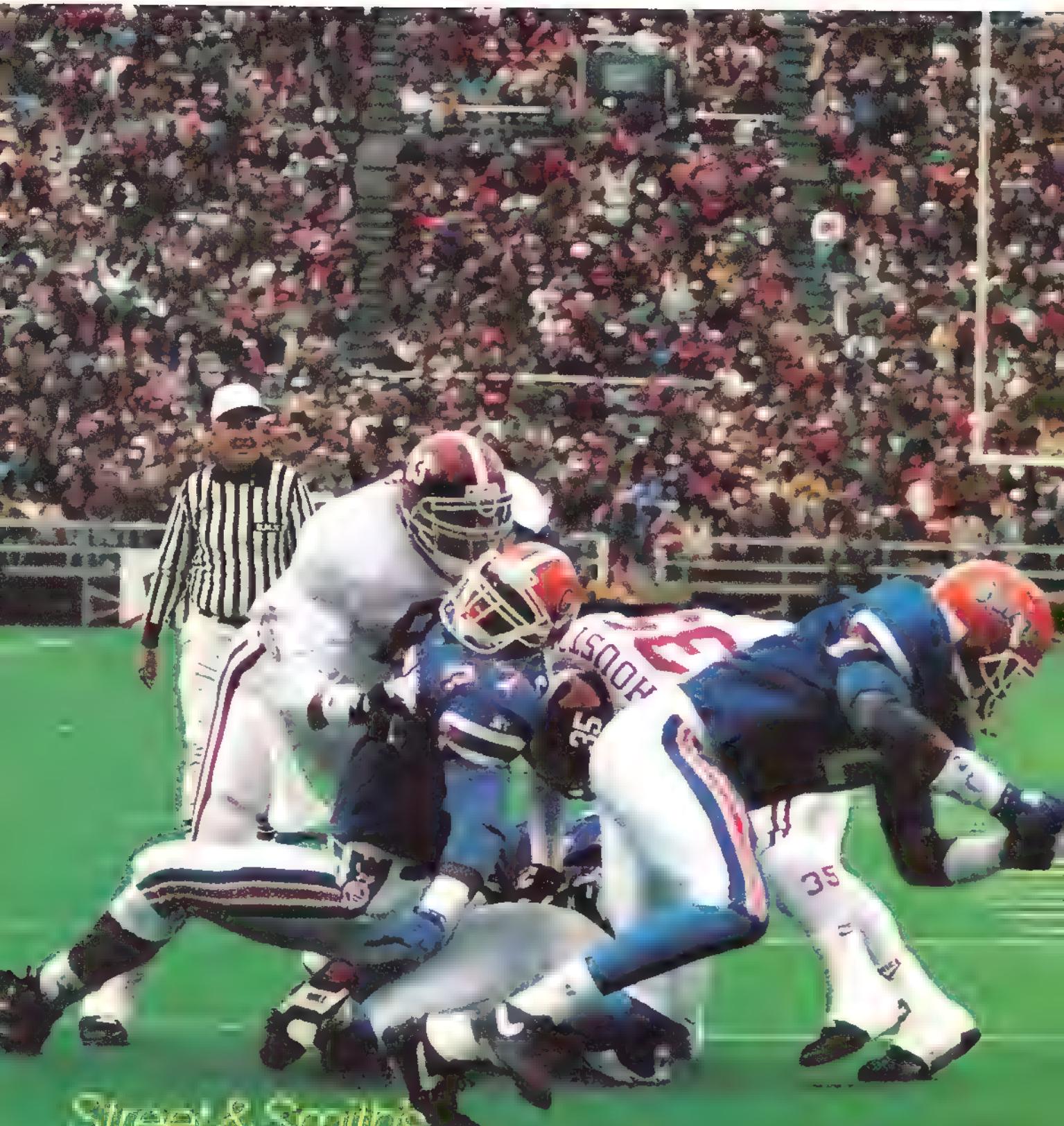
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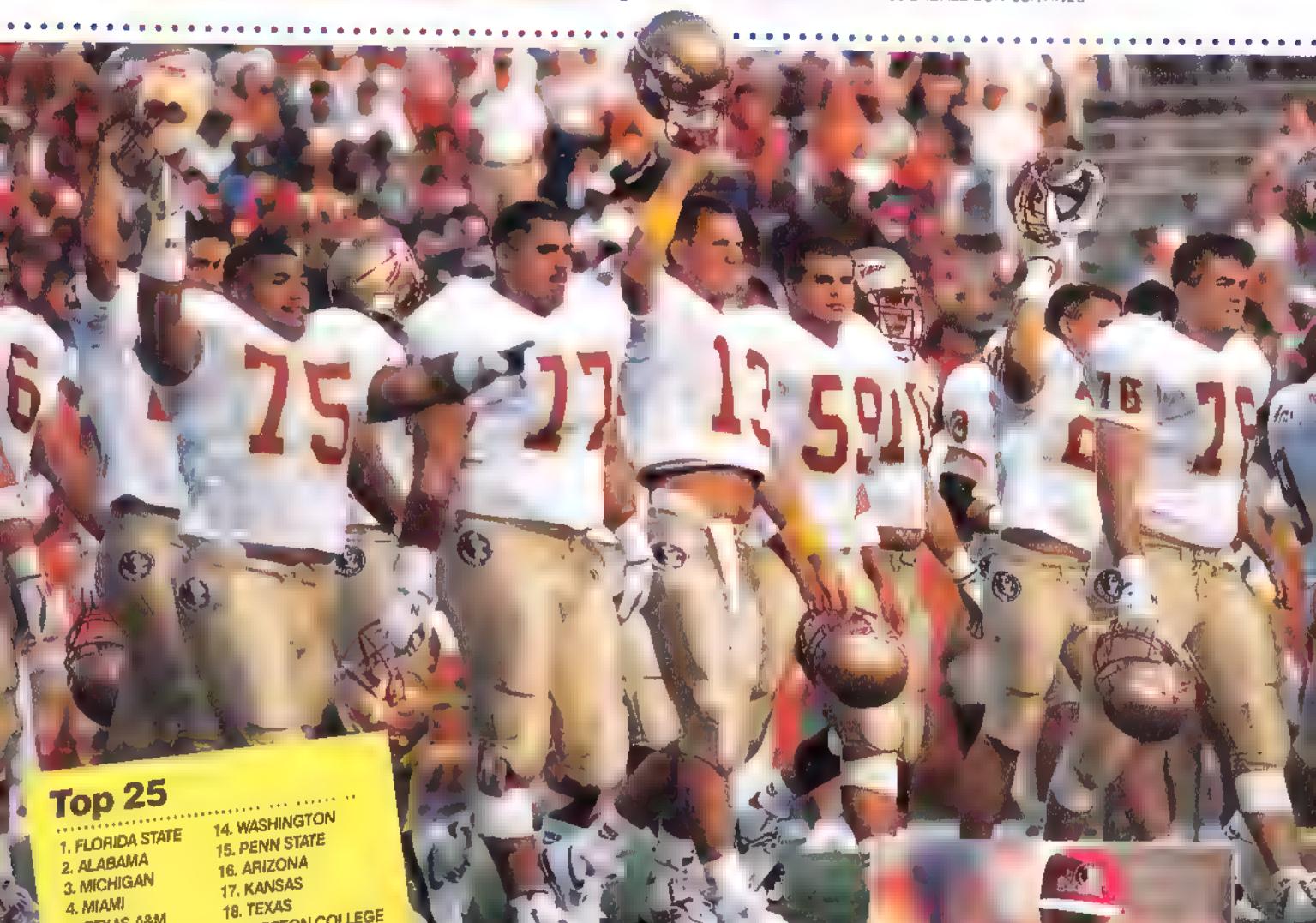


Alabama capped a perfect season with victories over Florida for the SEC title and Miami for the national championship

National Preview

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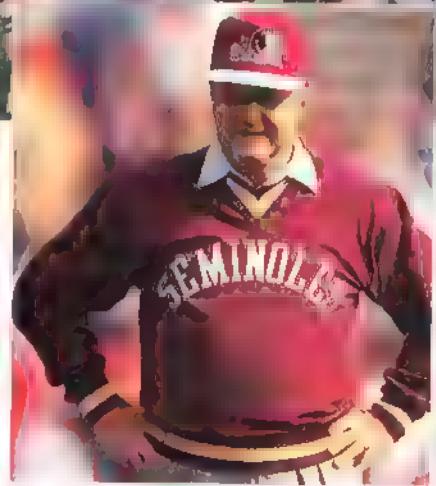
There was a time in football-wealthy Florida when winning the state championship was as meaningful as winning the national championship. There were times when it seemed the state title was more difficult to claim than the national title. Just ask Florida State coach Bobby Bowden. He will shake his head, give you a woeful smile, and tell you how his Seminoles were 2-0 against his state rivals in 1989. A 24-10 victory against Miami and a 24-17 victory against Florida won his Noles the unofficial title as state champs. Still, somehow, some way, the Miami Hurricanes won the national championship.

There's no ring and no trophy for Florida's state champs. No parade either. But there were bragging rights. In the hearts of Florida

youth who grew up playing peewee high school, and then college football against each other, the state title was more important than a national title. It's not that way anymore. The state championship is slowly losing its meaningfulness. It began when Florida dropped Miami from its schedule after the 1987 season. The round robin no longer exists. Only FSU plays both state rivals. Conference expansion is now taking hold, leading to the growing importance of Big East, Atlantic Coast and Southeastern Conference crowns.

"I think the state really suffers because we don't all play each other anymore," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said. "It's such a great football state, and it deserves to see all three teams playing to see who's best."

The Miami-Florida series was supposed to resume on an irregular basis last fall, but SEC expansion spoiled that. When the SEC increased its conference schedule from seven to eight games, Florida canceled the Miami games slated for 1992-93, '96-97 and '99-2000. Florida officials said they could not afford a home-and-home agreement with both Miami and FSU because it would mean play-



Bobby Bowden Florida State

ing only five home games every other year. They said that the costs that went into expanding Florida Field demand that revenues be raised from six home games every year. And so the series died another death. Last season the tradition was laid to rest. Last year's seniors at Miami and Florida were the first class to graduate without ever playing each other. They left without a single taste of what was once one of college football's best rivalries.

Don Kelly

A. Messina/Seminoles

"It hurts me," said former Miami linebacker Micheal Barrow, one of those seniors who never played the Gators. "I grew up watching those games. They hated each other, but all the hatred's in the past. We don't know the Gators anymore. We don't know the meaning of the rivalry." There is hope. If the Southeastern Conference ever scales back to a seven-game schedule, Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley has pledged to try to put the Hurricanes back on Florida's schedule.

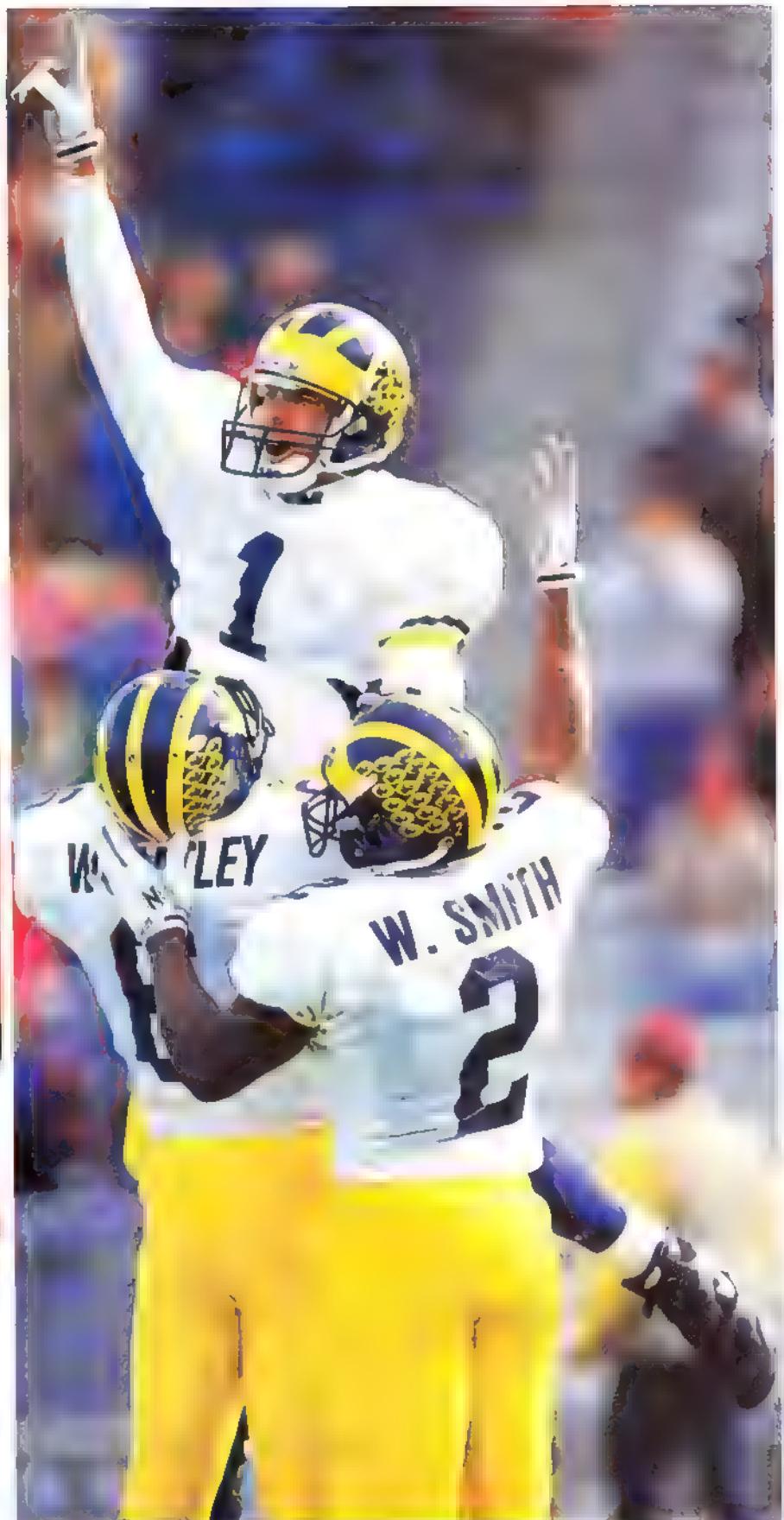
With or without a meaningful state title, it seems you can no longer win a national championship without passing through Florida. Miami and Florida State have either started or ended the season ranked No. 1 for the last five years. In the last 31 Associated Press polls, Miami or FSU has been at the top 28 times.

Look for Florida State to keep that streak alive, for the Seminoles, despite the loss of four defensive players in the first two rounds of the NFL draft, are No. 1 in the 1993 Street & Smith's College Football preseason poll. No Atlantic Coast Conference team could beat them in their first year in the league last fall, and no team will defeat them this year. FSU went 11-1, losing only to Miami (19-16) and finishing second in the final polls to Alabama. It was an unprecedented accomplishment for Bobby Bowden, who became the only coach



Charlie Ward Florida State

ever to guide a school to at least 10 victories in six consecutive seasons. Heisman Trophy candidate Charlie Ward should make sure that 1993 is the year Florida State finishes on top. The spectacular senior, a two-way quarterback threat, finished fourth in the nation in total offense (286.5 yards per game), throwing for 2,647 yards and running for 504 while personally accounting for 28 touchdowns. FSU opens the season with Kansas in the Kickoff Classic and closes it against Florida in Gainesville. In between there are dates at home with Atlantic Coast Conference rival Clemson in September and Miami in October.



Derrick Alexander Michigan

National Preview

and a trip to Notre Dame in November. The Seminoles have played in a bowl game in each of the last 11 years and have won the last eight. It's a long-playing record that doesn't figure to end anytime soon.

Miami's victory over Florida State was its 10th in the last 13 meetings. En route to what would have been their fifth national title in 10 years, the Hurricanes were blown out by Alabama in the Sugar Bowl and wound up third in the polls, their seventh consecutive finish in the top three. They, too, lost heavily in the NFL draft, including '92 Heisman winner Gino Torretta and a trio of talented linebackers. Still Miami's four national championships came in odd-numbered years. And each of those teams was directed by a first-year quarterback, a good omen for coach Dennis Erickson, 44-4 in just four seasons.

Syracuse, with 20 victories in the past two seasons, is a bona fide contender for the Big East title and, thus, the national championship. The Orange had the ball on Miami's three-yard line when time ran out last fall. With All America quarterback Marvin Graves among a dozen returning starters, Syracuse is pointing to the rematch on October 23 in the

Napoleon Kaufman Washington



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Orange Bowl, where Miami has a 51-game winning streak.

Alabama is coming off a perfect season, a 23-game winning streak, and its first national championship in 12 years. The Tide lost running back Derrick Lassic, one of the heroes of the Sugar Bowl, and defensive linemen John Copeland and Eric Curry to the NFL, but returns 13 regulars. Back to lead the offense is Jay Barker, who, with a 17-0 record, is merely the winningest quarterback in school history.

While Alabama is the class of the SEC West, the East figures to be a three-way battle among Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. The Gators need a replacement for record-setting quarterback Shane Matthews to complement running back Ernest Rhett and wide receiver Willie Jackson. Heath Shuler is one of the pre-

Marshall Faulk San Diego State



Brian R. Bieg

mier passers in the country. In his first season as a starter, he threw for over 1,700 yards with just four interceptions in leading the Volunteers to a Hall of Fame Bowl victory and a 9-3 final mark. And Georgia returns the No. 1 quarterback in the SEC in Eric Zeier. However, he will be without running mate Garrison Hearst, who left school early for the NFL.

Michigan is another contender for the national championship, which the Big Ten hasn't won since 1968. The Wolverines, off a second straight conference title, are loaded offensively with wide receiver Derrick Alexander and running back Tyrone Wheatley. Their biggest challenge will come from league newcomer Penn State, which is looking to rebound from last season's sluggish finish. The Nittany Lions will be without offensive stars O.J. McDuffie and Richie Anderson, who scored 28 of the team's 49 receiving and rushing touchdowns last fall. Nevertheless, coach Joe Paterno is excited about the prospect of winning the conference title and going to the Rose Bowl—the only major bowl in which he has never appeared. Anticipation is building toward October 16, when Penn State hosts Michigan.

Elsewhere in the Midwest, Notre Dame will dip into its deep pool of talent to try to replace the four starters it lost in the first round of the NFL draft: quarterback Rick Mirer, fullback Jerome Bettis, tight end Irv Smith, and corner-

back Tom Carter. The Irish should be strong along both lines, with All-America Aaron Taylor moving from guard to tackle and Academic All-America Tim Ruddy at center and Bryant Young anchoring the defense. The schedule is typically challenging, for the Irish host Southern Cal, Florida State, and Boston College and travel to Michigan, Stanford, and Brigham Young—all bowl teams a year ago.

In the Pac-10, Southern Cal will have a familiar look. Former L.A. Rams coach John Robinson returns to the Trojans after a 10-year absence. He will reinstitute the tailback-oriented offense that served him so well a decade ago, when he won 80 percent of his games and three conference titles. It won't be easy.

Marvin Graves Syracuse



Courtesy of Action USA

for the schedule includes eight '92 bowl teams. And he'll have to get by without the 161.5 yards per game supplied by flanker Curtis Conway, who took off early for the Chicago Bears. Seventeen other starters return, however, including Outland Trophy candidate Tony Boselli at offensive tackle and Butkus Award contender Willie McGinest at end/outside linebacker. They are among an outstanding group of linemen in the conference that also includes tackles Vaughn Parker at UCLA and Todd Stuessie at California and defenders Rob Waldrop at Arizona and Shante Carver at Arizona State.

Washington had its winning streak stopped at 22 games last fall, lost to Michigan in the Rose Bowl, and dropped out of the top 10 in the final polls. Now Don James has to replace his quarterbacks, Mark Brunell and Billy Joe Hobert, who guided the team to Rose Bowl triumphs in 1990 and '91. The Huskies feature

an outstanding pair of tailbacks in Napoleon Kaufman, who ran for 1,045 yards a year ago, and Beno Bryant, who had 940 yards the previous season.

During a six-week stretch last season, Arizona was as tough as any team in the country. The Wildcats defeated Washington, UCLA, Stanford, and California and lost by a point at Miami. But they lost to Baylor in the John Hancock Bowl and finished a ho-hum 6-5-1. Coach Dick Tomey needs more consistency and a quarterback. He already has the defense, which was the best in the nation against scoring in 1992.

In the Southwest Conference Texas A&M is shooting for the first three-peat since Texas won six straight league titles in 1968-73. The Aggies should have little trouble extending their 15-game SWC winning streak with 69 underclassmen returning from the team that lost only to Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, and finished seventh in the polls. Sophomore quarterback Corey Pulig directed the team to an average of nearly 40 points per game in the second half of the season. There are two talented junior running backs in Greg Hill (if he remains eligible) and Rodney Thomas and

four consensus all-conference defenders.

John Mackovich has the big-play receivers in his second season at Texas but he lacks the capable quarterback to get the ball to them and to raise the Longhorns higher than the 6-5 mark they posted last fall. Baylor finished the regular season at 6-5 and then defeated Arizona in the John Hancock Bowl. While aiming for a third straight bowl bid, the Bears will have to adjust to a new coach. After 21 years on the sidelines, Grant Teaff turned the chores over to offensive coordinator Chuck Reedy.

In the Rockies, the big name is San Diego State's Marshall Faulk, who became just the second back (after Herschel Walker) to rush for more than 3,000 yards in his first two seasons and only the fifth to win back-to-back NCAA rushing titles. He has accomplished that despite missing nearly six full games due to injury. He had a career-high 300 yards and four touchdowns against Hawaii, 299 yards vs. Brigham Young and 220 against Southern Cal. A knee sprain sidelined him for the Miami game, denying him the chance to go head-to-head with quarterback Gino Torretta, who outpolled him for the 1992 Heisman Trophy. The Aztecs' schedule this fall is less formidable,

with Cal State Northridge, California, and Minnesota replacing Miami, UCLA, and Southern Cal, so if Faulk remains healthy, he could run up some staggering numbers.

It will be business as usual in the Big Eight, which could produce the most exciting race between Nebraska and Colorado since the Buffaloes replaced Oklahoma as the Cornhuskers' chief rival. Nebraska went 9-2 the 24th year in a row it won at least nine games (an NCAA record), before losing to Florida State in the Orange Bowl. Give the slight nod again this fall to Nebraska to win a third consecutive title and Orange Bowl berth. In tailback Calvin Jones and quarterback Tommie Frazier it has the league's best players at the positions, plus the premier offensive line. Colorado featured the most prolific passing attack in Big Eight history in '92 as Kordell Stewart connected with Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson on 133 passes for 2,209 yards.

A step below the big two in the Big Eight is Kansas, which went 8-4, including its first bowl victory (Aloha, over BYU) in 31 years. The Jayhawks return a solid nucleus with the unenviable task of facing top-ranked Florida State in the Kickoff Classic.

Tommie Frazier & Calvin Jones Nebraska

James D. Smith



Street&Smith's All-America Team

At the head of the 1993 Street & Smith's All-America class are a group of junior running backs. They are led by this season's early Heisman Trophy favorite Marshall Faulk of San Diego State. A 5-10, 200-pounder, Faulk led the nation in rushing for the second straight season in 1992 with an average of 163 yards per game. He had 1,429 yards as a freshman and became just the second player in college football history (after Herschel Walker) to rush for more than 3,000 yards in his first two seasons.

The runner-up to Miami's Gino Torretta in the Heisman voting last year, Faulk might have won it if he had stayed healthy. He played only 10 games—and that included a 21-yard day against Fresno State (he left after an injury on the first series of the game) and a 60-yard outing against Colorado State (he didn't play the second half due to an injury). He also had to sit out the Miami game with a knee sprain, thus missing his chance to go head-to-head with his main Heisman competition. Against many of the Aztecs' tougher opponents, however, Faulk was usually at his best. He had a career-high 300 yards (and four touchdowns) against 20th-ranked Hawaii, eclipsing by one yard his total against Brigham Young in the season's second game.

He also had 220 yards against Southern Cal and 200 against New Mexico.

Faulk's running mate in our first-team backfield is Nebraska junior Calvin Jones, who averaged 110 yards per game last year and scored 14 touchdowns. Jones averaged 7.2 yards per carry, the highest figure of any returning player among the top 25. Among the Huskers' rich tradition of running backs, Jones became the first Nebraska player to gain 2,000 yards before the end of his sophomore season. He has a total of 2,110 for a 105.5 yards-per-game mark with a stunning 7.82 yards-per-carry average through two seasons. A unanimous all-Big Eight selection last year, he's also the first player ever to lead the league in scoring as both a freshman (8.6 points a game) and sophomore (8.2). And amazingly Jones never played more than two quarters in any game last year, alternating with fellow all-conference back Derek Brown (who opted to turn pro this year) until the final game against Kansas State.

Still, in gaining first-team recognition, Jones barely nudged out Tyrone Wheatley, the Michigan junior who averaged 122 yards a game rushing and 6.6 yards per carry, and Texas A&M junior Greg Hill, who averaged 111.5 yards per game. Hill is expected to be forced

to sit out one or two games this year in a disciplinary measure over some special employment benefits he received.

At quarterback was another extremely close race. Our first-team pick is Florida State's Charlie Ward, who narrowly edged Marvin Graves of Syracuse for the honor. Ward's stats were dazzling as he helped the Seminoles to an 11-1 record and a final No. 2 ranking nationally. The 6-1, 190-pounder finished fourth in the NCAA in total offense, averaging 286.5 yards per game, and was the country's most dangerous two-way quarterback threat. He threw for 2,647 yards and ran for 504—no quarterback had a combination of higher totals

—and was personally responsible for 28 touchdowns (22 passing). Graves helped the Orangemen to a 10-2 record in a season when he was overshadowed in the Big East Conference by Torretta. But his statistics actually outshone Torretta's in several departments. Graves had the nation's

Marshall Faulk
San Diego State



No. 2 passing efficiency rating at 149.2 (behind Michigan's Elvis Grbac at 154.2), throwing for 2,296 yards and 14 touchdowns with 12 interceptions. He led the country in yards gained per attempt (9.49) while completing 60 percent of his passes.

Colorado's Michael Westbrook is on his way to rewriting nearly all of the Buffaloes' receiving records. Last season, Westbrook had a school-record 76 catches and eight touchdowns. He and teammate Charles Johnson each surpassed 1,000 yards, only the fourth pair of receivers in NCAA history to accomplish that. Westbrook, a 6-4, 210-pound junior, is already the Buffs' all-time leader in TD receptions (13) and second in catches (98) and receiving yards (1,369).

Texas Tech's Lloyd Hill had a school-record 76 catches last year for 1,261 yards and 12 touchdowns. His yardage total was the fourth-

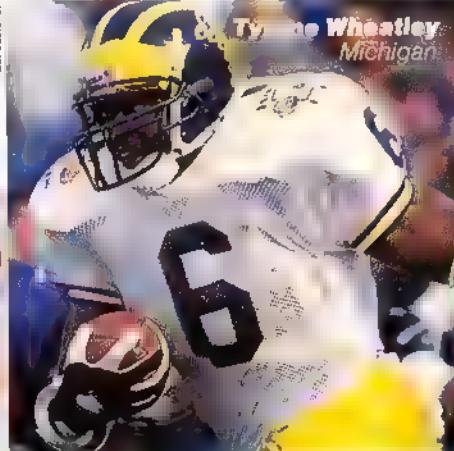
never seriously considered passing up his senior season though he likely would have been a first round NFL draft choice.

Taylor, though, hasn't always been this shining example of virtue and success. By the time he was a 14-year-old living in a high-crime section of Marin City, California, near San Francisco, Taylor had already lived a rough life. The product of a mixed marriage in Brownsburg, Indiana, his father divorced his mother and left before Taylor was two years old. His mother, Mardi Taylor, moved to Cali-

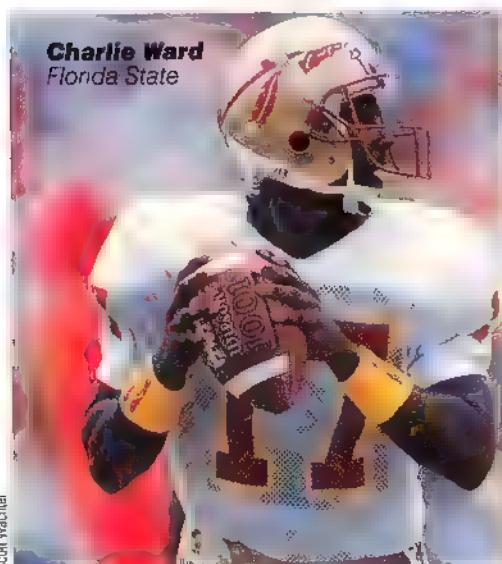
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Paul Jasinski



Charlie Ward
Florida State



Scott Wachter

best ever in the Southwest Conference. Hill has averaged 17.1 yards per catch over three seasons and his 114.6 receiving yards per game last year led the nation.

Tight end Dwayne Chandler of Kansas is a converted running back who knows what to do with the ball after he catches it. Though he had just 17 receptions, the all-Big Eight player's 23.4 yards-per-catch average was tops in the conference and one of the highest in the nation as he helped the Jayhawks to an 8-4 record and the Aloha Bowl.

On the Line

Notre Dame offensive lineman Aaron Taylor won consensus All-America honors off his marvelous performance in 1992. And the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy candidate has a grade point average above 3.0 with a major in sociology and will graduate at midterm. He's a co-captain and a player who

FIRST TEAM

Offense	
QB Charlie Ward	Sr. Florida State
RB Marshall Faulk	Jr. San Diego State
RB Cain Jones	Jr. Nebraska
WR Michael Westbrook	Jr. Colorado
WR Lloyd Hill	Sr. Texas Tech
TE Dwayne Chandler	Sr. Kansas
OL Aaron Taylor	Sr. Notre Dame
OL Tony Boselli	Jr. Southern Cal
OL Vaughn Parker	Sr. UCLA
OL Mike Bedosky	Sr. Missouri
OL Tobie Shaeis	Sr. Alabama
PK Joe Ason	Sr. Memphis State
Defense	
DL Rob Waldrop	Sr. Arizona
DL Shante Carver	Sr. Arizona State
DL Willie McGinest	Sr. Southern Cal
DL Ron Woolfork	Sr. Colorado
LB Winfield Tubbs	Sr. Texas
LB Keith Burns	Sr. Oklahoma State
LB Anthony McCallahan	Sr. Washington State
DB Antonio Langham	Sr. Alabama
DB Aaron Glenn	Sr. Texas A&M
DB Jaime Mendez	Sr. Kansas State
DB Corey Sawyer	Jr. Florida State
P Mitch Berger	Sr. Colorado

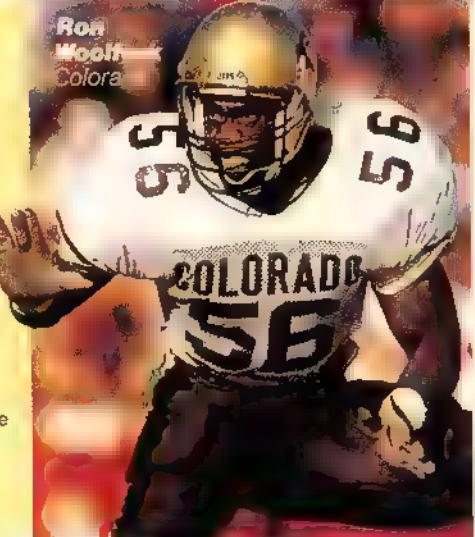
fornia after that, and Aaron initially had trouble adjusting. He readily admits he fell in with the wrong crowd.

"I was new to the area and I just wanted to fit in," Taylor said. "I was doing drugs and selling them and my grades dropped pretty badly. If something hadn't happened, I'd probably be dead or in jail by now."

What happened was that Mardi Taylor put her foot down. Against the advice of all her

friends and family, she told Aaron to hit the road after one all-night party too many. Aaron moved in with a friend, but he was in shock. Little did he know at the time, it was a shock for his mother as well.

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John Willingham

All-America Team

"I knew the lifestyle I had been living wasn't right," he said. "We had a long talk about what I had to do, and she said she would help me toward my goal of being a pro football player if I'd get myself straightened out. The first thing she did was get me out of that area. We moved across the bay to a better area and school. It was amazing how simple things were after that. Everything just fell into place."

Taylor enrolled at football power DeLaSalle High in Concord, California, as a junior and began to apply himself to his football and his books. He won prep All-American honors and became one of the country's most highly recruited players before signing with Notre Dame. From there, it has been nothing but success for Taylor. Still, it's certainly not the classic All-American story and Taylor knows it turned out right because of only one person. "My mother saved my life," he said. "She helped me become everything I am today."

What he is today is one of the country's best offensive linemen. And this year, the Irish are asking him to move from guard, where he made everyone's All-American list and was a Lombardi Award semifinalist, to tackle. "The move has been difficult and I have a lot to improve on," Taylor said. "The techniques are different at tackle. But my main goal is to do whatever I can to help the team, so I don't mind switching."

Greg Hill
Texas A&M



Joining Taylor on the first-team offensive line is Southern Cal's Tony Boselli, who earned several All-American honors last season. Only a junior, the 6-7, 285-pounder will be starting for the third straight year.

"Tony appears to be ready to take his place alongside the great offensive tackles who have played at USC," coach John Robinson said. "The key will be how much he improves and if he can take it to that next level as all the great ones have done."

Across town at UCLA, the Bruins also have a first-team, preseason pick in Vaughn Parker. At 6-4 and 271 pounds, Parker is a two-time, all-Pac-10 choice who is considered one of the best tackles the school has ever produced. Many already are comparing him to former Bruins Irvin Eatman and Luis Sharpe, All-Americans who went on to become all-pros.

SECOND TEAM

Offense		
QB	Marvin Graves	Sr. Syracuse
RB	Greg Hill	Jr. Texas A&M
RB	Tyrone Wheatley	Jr. Michigan
WR	Ryan Yarborough	Sr. Wyoming
WR	Bryan Reeves	Sr. Nevada
TE	Greg Schorp	Sr. Texas A&M
OL	Bernard Williams	Sr. Georgia
OL	Todd Stausie	Sr. California
OL	Korey Stringer	Soph. Ohio State
OL	Tim Ruddy	Sr. Notre Dame
OL	Zach Wiegert	Jr. Nebraska
PK	Scott Etheridge	Sr. Auburn

Defense		
DL	Lou Benatti	Sr. Penn State
DL	Jason Simmons	Sr. Ohio State
DL	Mike Wells	Sr. Iowa
DL	Darren Krein	Sr. Miami
LB	Ryan McCoy	Sr. Houston
LB	Mich Davis	Sr. Georgia
LB	Dana Howard	Jr. Illinois
DB	Derek Bochta	Sr. Penn State
DB	Terry Harris	Sr. Miami
DB	Greg Tremble	Sr. Georgia
DB	Jeff Burns	Sr. Notre Dame
P	Jim Dugino	Jr. Indiana

Missouri's Mike Bedosky, a 6-5, 288-pound guard, was all-Big Eight and led an offensive line that gave up only 18 sacks in 460 passing plays last year. A team captain who has started 31 straight games, Bedosky was also an academic all-conference selection.

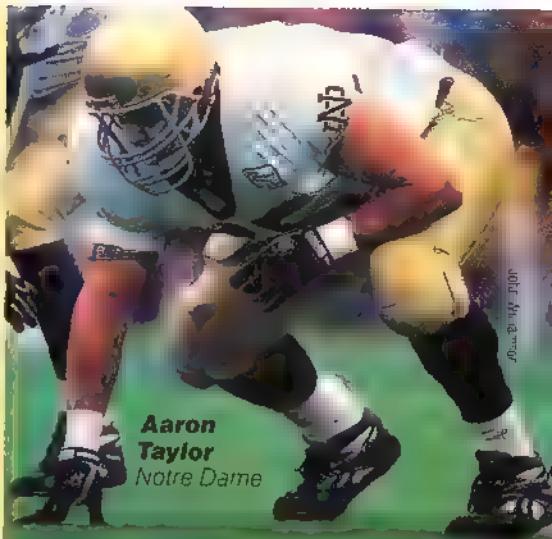
Alabama center Tobie Sheils, a 6-3, 250-pound senior, rounds out the first-team offensive line. Sheils was a consensus all-SEC selection as he helped the Tide roll to a 13-0 mark. In the national championship clinching Sugar Bowl victory over Miami, Sheils and the Alabama line dominated the Hurricanes for 267 yards rushing.

The place-kicker is Memphis State's Joe Allison, a consensus All-American last year when he led the nation in field goals and field goal accuracy with a 920 percentage (23 of 25). Allison, also the nation's leading kick scorer (101 points), had six games in which he kicked three-of-three field goals and another when he had four-of-four.



On the Defensive

Arizona senior tackle Rob Waldrop, one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy last season, is the only consensus All-American returning on defense. With 55 tackles—including 22 for losses (a Pac-10 high)—and 10 sacks, Waldrop helped control the line of scrimmage



for a unit that led the nation in defense against scoring last year. And the Wildcats expect him to be even better this year.

"Rob is a special guy," coach Dick Tomey said. "After he was named All-American, he made a commitment to have an even better senior season. In all the proficiency tests our people have given him, he has scored better than last year. He earned every award he received and he works to get even better."

Just across the state is another of the country's premier linemen. Arizona State's versatile senior end Shante Carver already owns the ASU career record for sacks (31) after registering 10 last season. The 6-5, 230-pound Carver showed up just days after the football season ended last year to play for the Sun Devils basketball team as a reserve forward. At Lincoln High in Stockton, California, Carver once grabbed 45 rebounds in a two-game stretch and eventually turned down scholarship offers to play basketball at Oregon, Oregon State and Fresno State.

Southern Cal coaches say they plan to feature end Willie McGinest on their defensive this year. And no wonder. McGinest tied for the league lead with 16 sacks and had 63 tackles last year as he won all-Pac 10 and USC Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Another top pass rusher is Colorado senior Ron Woolfork, who led the Big Eight with 13½ sacks last year and had a total of 21 tackles behind the line. The 6-4, 235-pound all-conference choice has 26½ career sacks, second in school history to former All-American Alfred Williams's 35.

The three linebackers on our team all piled up imposing tackle totals last year, led by Texas senior Winfred Tubbs's 157. The 6-5, 240-pounder originally was a Longhorn fullback, but he performed so well on defense that the UT coaches once offered him the option of taking former All-American Tommy Nobis's old jersey No. 60, which Tubbs declined.

Washington State senior Anthony McClanahan wasn't far behind with 140 tackles, including 20 against Arizona State. He had 144 to lead the Pac-10 as a sophomore. The brother of former Arizona State and Minnesota Vikings running back Brent, McClanahan also led the team in tackles for loss with 12 last year.

"Nobody blocks him," Washington State

defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer said of McClanahan. "People try to block him—and he's gone. He has tremendous speed and a great vertical leap."

Oklahoma State's Keith Burns rang up 126 tackles, including 102 solo stops. A consensus all-Big Eight pick, he was also named the league's Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

Leading the secondary is Alabama's Antonio Langham, a big-play cornerback who is sure to be a top pro pick after this season. Langham has 12 career interceptions, four short of the Tide record. That includes two that were returned for touchdowns a year ago. The first was a 61-yarder against Auburn and the second a 27-yard sprint in the regular-season finale that sewed up a 28-21 victory over Florida in the SEC championship game.

Another top cover man at cornerback is Texas A&M's Aaron Glenn, who had six interceptions and an SWC-record 20 pass deflections in '92. A transfer from Navarro Junior College, Glenn proved he could play with the big boys immediately. In the Aggies' opener

against Stanford in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic last August, he intercepted a pass broke up another, and had five tackles.

Free safety Jamie Mendez of Kansas State was a Jim Thorpe Award candidate last year and should be again this season. He's a two-time all-Big Eight selection who holds two K-State career records: interceptions (13) and interception-return yardage (275). Last season, the 6-0, 200-pounder had six interceptions, 67 tackles, and broke up a conference-high 12 passes.

Florida State safety Corey Sawyer tied for second in the nation in interceptions with seven as he made a big splash starting for the Seminoles as a sophomore.

Our first-team punter is Colorado's Mitch Berger, who received some All-America notice last year when he finished No. 2 in the country with a 47-yard average. He was the only punter in the top five in gross and net (41.7) average. Berger also doubled part-time as the place-kicker, and his 53-yarder gave Colorado a 24-24 tie with Oklahoma. □



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Honorable Mention

OFFENSE

Quarterback

Jeff Brohm, Sr., Louisville
Anthony Calvillo, Sr., Utah State
Trent Dilfer, Jr., Fresno State
Bert Emanuel, Sr., Rice
Glenn Foley, Sr., Boston College
Jeff Garcia, Sr., San Jose State
Cale Gundy, Sr., Oklahoma
Jeff Hardy, Jr., Missouri
Jimmy King, Jr., Houston
Steve Matthews, Sr., Memphis State
Heath Shuler, Jr., Tennessee
Steve Stenstrom, Sr., Stanford
Kordell Stewart, Jr., Colorado
Chris Vargas, Sr., Nevada
Len Williams, Sr., Northwestern
Joe Youngblood, Sr., Central Michigan
Eric Zeier, Jr., Georgia

Running back

Mario Bates, Jr., Arizona State
Donnell Bennett, Jr., Miami
James Bostic, Jr., Auburn
Tim Curtis, Sr., Ohio
Ralph Dawkins, Sr., Louisville
Nathan DuPree, Sr., San Jose State
Charlie Garner, Sr., Tennessee
LeShon Johnson, Sr., Northern Illinois
Napoleon Kaufman, Jr., Washington
Casey McBeth, Sr., Toledo
Deland McCullough, Soph., Miami (OH)
Byron Morris, Jr., Texas Tech
Winslow Oliver, Soph., New Mexico
Bruce Presley, Soph., Rutgers
Brian Pruitt, Jr., Central Michigan
Eric Rett, Sr., Florida
Junji Smith, Jr., East Carolina
Craig Thomas, Sr., Michigan State
Rodney Thomas, Jr., Texas A&M
Jamal Willis, Jr., Brigham Young

Wide receiver

Derrick Alexander, Sr., Michigan
Shannon Culver, Sr., Oklahoma State
Corey Dixon, Sr., Nebraska
Todd Dixon, Sr., Wake Forest
Eric Drage, Sr., Brigham Young
Lee Gssendorfer, Sr., Northwestern
Shelby Hill, Sr., Syracuse
Corey Holliday, Sr., North Carolina
Kenny Holly, Sr., Missouri
Willie Jackson, Sr., Florida
Charles Johnson, Sr., Colorado
Thomas Lewis, Sr., Indiana
Jonnie Morton, Sr., Southern California
David Palmer, Jr., Alabama
Ron Peters, Jr., Houston
Damay Scott, Jr., San Diego State
Eddie Small, Sr., Mississippi

Sherman Smith, Sr., Houston
Tamarck Vanover, Soph., Florida State
Corey Warren, Sr., Oklahoma

Tight end

Bradford Banta, Sr., Southern California
Harold Bishop, Sr., LSU
Kirk Botkin, Sr., Arkansas
Rickey Brady, Sr., Oklahoma
Brett Caroian, Sr., Washington State
Carlester Crumpler, Sr., East Carolina
Christian Fauna, Jr., Colorado
Pete Mitchell, Jr., Boston College
Shannon Mitchell, Sr., Georgia
Cedric Saunders, Sr., Ohio State

Line

Ryan Bell, Sr., Vanderbilt
Reuben Brown, Sr., Pittsburgh
Darrell Clapp, Sr., Houston
J.R. Conrad, Soph., Oklahoma
Mark Dixon, Sr., Virginia
Regg Green, Soph., Florida
Tirrel Greene, Jr., Miami
George Hegamin, Soph., N.C. State
Jesse James, Jr., Mississippi State
Tre Johnson, Sr., Temple
Jeff King, Sr., Memphis State
Kevin Mawae, Sr., LSU
Patrick McNeil, Jr., Florida State
Toby Mills, Sr., Arizona State
Tom Nalen, Sr., Boston College
Quentin Neujahr, Sr., Kansas State
Jim Nevelle, Sr., Washington
Craig Novitsky, Sr., UCLA
Curtis Parker, Sr., North Carolina
Roosevelt Patterson, Sr., Alabama
Jim Pyne, Sr., Virginia Tech
Jeff Resier, Jr., Oklahoma
Bill Sartin, Sr., Mississippi State
Stacy Seegars, Sr., Clemson
Warren Smith, Jr., Arizona
Scott Vaughn, Sr., Rutgers
Jim Watson, Sr., Florida
Joe Wyse, Sr., Bowling Green

Place-kicker

Eric Abrams, Soph., Stanford
Scott Banton, Jr., Oklahoma
Doug Brien, Sr., California
Dan Echhoff, Sr., Kansas
Craig Fayak, Sr., Penn State
Joe Nedney, Jr., San Jose State
Michael Proctor, Soph., Alabama
Scott Szeredy, Sr., Texas
Tommy Thompson, Sr., Oregon
Nelson Welch, Jr., Clemson

DEFENSE

Line

Sam Adams, Jr., Texas A&M
Trev Alberts, Sr., Nebraska
Romeo Bandison, Sr., Oregon
Aubrey Beavers, Sr., Oklahoma
Brenton Buckner, Sr., Clemson
Dennis Capella, Sr., Minnesota
Bernard Carter, Sr., East Carolina
Kevin Carter, Jr., Florida
Johnnie Church, Soph., Florida
Matt Dyson, Jr., Michigan
Luther Elliss, Jr., Utah
Eric England, Sr., Texas A&M
Henry Ford, Sr., Arkansas
William Gaines, Sr., Florida
Arley Gibson, Sr., Mississippi State
Jason Gildon, Sr., Oklahoma State
Lenny Gomes, Sr., Brigham Young
Tyoka Jackson, Sr., Penn State
Scotty Lewis, Jr., Baylor
Rick Lyle, Sr., Missouri
Chris Maumanga, Sr., Kansas
Hervin McCormack, Jr., Indiana
Rusty Medeans, Jr., Miami
Lamar Mills, Sr., Indiana
Kevin Mitchell, Sr., Syracuse
Kevin Patrick, Sr., Miami
Chad Palton, Sr., Southern Methodist
Carl Reeves, Jr., North Carolina State
Simeon Rice, Soph., Illinois
Pat Riley, Jr., Miami
Lamark Shackford, Sr., Wisconsin
Steve Strahan, Jr., Baylor
Michael Tobias, Jr., Southern Miss
Greg Williams, Soph., Oklahoma
Dan Wilkinson, Soph., Ohio State
Bryant Young, Sr., Notre Dame

Linebacker

Jason Atkinson, Sr., Texas A&M
Danton Barto, Sr., Memphis State
Stephen Boyd, Jr., Boston College
Derrick Brooks, Jr., Florida State
Mike Coats, Sr., Oklahoma
Dan Conley, Sr., Syracuse
Dewayne Dotson, Sr., Mississippi
Randall Godfrey, Soph., Georgia
Lemanski Hall, Sr., Alabama
Bernardo Harris, Sr., North Carolina
Sean Harris, Jr., Arizona
Todd Herget, Sr., Brigham Young
John Holecek, Jr., Illinois
Lance Johnstone, Soph., Temple
Ernest Jones, Sr., Oregon
Tim Jones, Jr., Clemson
Andy Mason, Sr., Washington
Marty Moore, Sr., Kentucky
Steve Morrison, Jr., Michigan
Tyron Nix, Sr., Southern Miss

Tom Tumulty, Jr., Pittsburgh
Jerrett Ward, Jr., California
Barron Wortham, Jr., UTEP
Jermaine Younger, Sr., Utah State

Back

Clifton Abraham, Jr., Florida State
Frank Adams, Sr., South Carolina
Nathan Bennett, Sr., Rice
James Bax, Sr., Tulsa
Jeff Brothers, Sr., Vanderbilt
Vaughn Bryant, Sr., Stanford
Johnny Dixon, Sr., Mississippi
Tyronne Drakeford, Sr., Virginia Tech
William Ephraim, Jr., Oregon State
Greg Evans, Sr., TCU
Marvin Goodwin, Jr., JCU
Scott Harmon, Sr., Oklahoma State
Mal Jackson, Sr., Rutgers
Tommy Johnson, Jr., Alabama
Dwayne Joseph, Sr., Syracuse
Larry Kennedy, Jr., Florida
Kevin Knight, Sr., Mississippi State
Kwame Lassiter, Sr., Kansas
Greg Myers, Soph., Colorado State
Herman O'Berry, Jr., Oregon
Shonte Peoples, Sr., Michigan
Michael Reed, Jr., Boston College
Lee Rubin, Sr., Penn State
Dexter Seigler, Sr., Miami
Sam Shade, Jr., Alabama
Bobby Taylor, Soph., Notre Dame
Bracey Walker, Sr., North Carolina
Tony Watkins, Jr., South Carolina
Orlando Watters, Sr., Arkansas
Paul White, Sr., Miami
Jeremy Williams, Sr., Memphis State
Jimmy Young, Sr., Purdue
Eric Zomalt, Sr., California

Punter

Shayne Edge, Jr., Florida
Todd Jordan, Sr., Mississippi State
Robert King, Sr., Texas Tech
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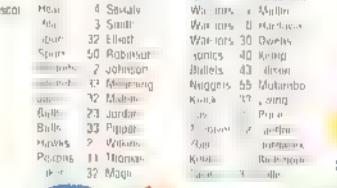
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midwest

by ED SHERMAN CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's a new beginning for the Big Ten. And not a moment too soon. Back in December of 1989 when it was announced that Penn State had been invited to join the conference, the idea of the Nittany Lions playing Big Ten football seemed faraway. Not anymore. Penn State breaks its 106-year independent tradition when it hosts Minnesota on September 4. It could be the first step toward the Rose Bowl for Penn State. It will certainly be a change of approach for 66-year-old coach Joe Paterno.

"It's going to take some getting used to," Paterno said. "We've got a lot of new teams we haven't played before. There are new coaches we have to get to know. But I know our fans are excited about it. They saw what playing in the Big Ten was like in basketball."

Nobody, though, is more excited than Paterno. Retirement age has now been pushed back to at least 70 for college football's winningest active coach. The prospect of winning a conference title and going to the Rose Bowl, the only major bowl in which Paterno has never appeared, has rejuvenated him. "We're looking forward to getting into those Big Ten stadiums and seeing what it's like," Paterno said. "This adds a whole new dimension."

Penn State's arrival comes at just the right time. If ever the Big Ten needed an injection of fresh blood, it is now. Last season, the league suffered through one of its worst campaigns in years. Was it the Big Ten or the beleaguered Ten? Even those within the conference took pot shots. When asked who the conference should take as its 12th member, Michigan State basketball coach Jud Heathcote cracked, "DePaul DePaul's football is on par with most of our league." DePaul, of course, doesn't play football.

The coaches weren't laughing, yet even the legendary Bo Schembechler had to admit the obvious. "The Big Ten is undeniably down," he said. "It is the worst I can remember it being." The Big Ten went 13-17-1 in nonconference play, including losses to Central Michigan and Toledo. It placed only three

Lee Gissendaner Northwestern



Jonathan Kim/Sports Photo Masters, Inc.

1993 all-midwest team

offense

Quarterback Len Williams SR Northwestern
Running back Tyrone Wheatley JR Michigan
Running back Craig Thomas SR Michigan State
Wide receiver Lee Gissendaner SR Northwestern
Wide receiver Derrick Alexander SR Michigan
Tight end Cedric Saunders SR Ohio State
Line Korey Stringer SO Ohio State
Line Aaron Taylor SR Notre Dame
Line Joe Panos SR Wisconsin
Line Alan Kune SR Ohio State
Line Tim Ruddy SR Notre Dame
Place-kicker Craig Fayak SR Penn State

defense

Line Lou Benfatti SR Penn State
Line Mike Wells SR Iowa
Line Bryant Young SR Notre Dame
Line Jason Simmons SR Ohio State
Linebacker Dana Howard JR Illinois
Linebacker Steve Morrison JR Michigan
Linebacker John Holecek JR Illinois
Back Jimmy Young SR Purdue
Back Shante Peoples SR Michigan
Back Derek Bochna SR Penn State
Back Jeff Burris SR Notre Dame
Punter Jim DiGummo JR Indiana

teams in bowls and two of them lost. Michigan saved some face with a victory in the Rose Bowl but the conference hasn't won a national championship since 1968. Still, the Big Ten is hoping the addition of Penn State will bring some much-needed respect. Paterno contends that it was a young league last year. Whether it matures remains to be seen.

As for the conference race, Michigan is the favorite to win its third straight title. The Wolverines have lost quarterback Elvis Grbac, but they have a capable replacement in Todd Collins. Penn State will be a big factor, especially if Paterno can get the Nittany Lions to rebound from last year's sluggish finish. Ohio State is looking for a strong season for coach John Cooper, who once again is seeking a little job security. Defense will be a key for the Buckeyes. That's also the case for Illinois whose defense ranks among the best in the league. If the Illini get some offense, they could make a run. Wisconsin has made a dramatic turnaround under coach Barry Alvarez and might also make some noise. Iowa's Hayden Fry is looking to rebound from last year's 5-7 record. And Michigan State could contend as well.

As for the other Midwest power, Notre Dame, coach Lou Holtz has many holes to fill after losing four players in the first round of the NFL draft. But despite Holtz's ominous warnings, bringing in new talent has never been a problem for the Irish.

Lou Benfatti Penn State



Al Messerschmidt

Tyrone Wheatley Michigan

Paterno admits to being somewhat apprehensive, but the other Big Ten coaches are just as uneasy about having to play Penn State. Despite last season's subpar 7-5 record, the Nittany Lions have been a power through the years, winning two national titles in the 1980s and finishing third in the country in 1991. Unlike the basketball team which came into the Big Ten with little tradition and fanfare, the Nittany Lions are expected to challenge for the conference football title. Perhaps the most anticipated game of the season will occur on October 16 when Michigan invades Happy Valley.

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Things were a little different when I took on this assignment in 1969, the year after O.J. Simpson won the Heisman Trophy and moved on from USC to greater glory. With Arizona and Arizona State still in the Western Athletic Conference, the Pac-10 was merely the Pac-8 then. The Big West Conference was the Pacific Coast Athletic Association and included UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Los Angeles, which no longer field football teams, among its members. But there was one thing you could be sure of 25 years ago. Street & Smith's College Football West Coast report covered schools that were almost exclusively on the West Coast.

Paul Jasenski



Willie McGinest Southern Cal

That's definitely not the case anymore. The Pac-10 hasn't had any geographical redistribution since the Arizona schools came into the conference in 1978. But the Big West has had considerably more movement, and now it's headed all over the place—south, east, stretching not only boundaries but credibility. Do Northern Illinois, Arkansas State, Southwestern Louisiana, and Louisiana Tech strike you as somewhat strange lodges brothers of San Jose State, Pacific, Nevada, Utah State, Nevada Las Vegas, and New Mexico State? They'll all be together this season in what has become a most curious athletic association.

When the expansion was announced in the spring of 1992, then Big West commissioner Jim Haney said, "The addition of these four institutions, in combination with the new Las Vegas Bowl, has us very excited about our football future." And Cal State Fullerton athletic director Bill Shumard said, "The addition of

these four fine universities will bring added prestige to the Big West Conference, not to mention some badly needed exposure in different parts of the country."

The world moves on quickly, however. Haney is now executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. And Cal State Fullerton has dropped football, following Cal State Long Beach. Maybe it's best to look at all this movement in the words of Northern Illinois athletic director Gerald O'Dell, who said of the expansion, "This is a significant step for all the participants of the Big West, particularly positive since intercollegiate athletics now transcends traditional geographic boundaries."

No one could argue with that, even an old mossback who has been reviewing West Coast football in its various configurations for a quarter century. But that still doesn't make it easy to accept Illinois, Louisiana, and Arkansas as Western states.

The Western schools in the new Big West each will play two of the Eastern schools per season initially along with four of their old conference rivals. The Eastern schools will play three Eastern and three Western opponents. All 10 schools will be eligible to win a conference championship and advance to the Las Vegas Bowl. To help cut down on travel costs, the Big West's long-range goal is to have six Eastern and six Western teams, and develop divisional playoffs.

The new-look Big West will include one odd football name in its coaching ranks. San Jose State has hired John Ralston, who led Stanford to a pair of Rose Bowls two decades ago before going on to coach the Denver Broncos to replace Ron Turner. Even though he's 65, Ralston, who's perhaps the quintessential football man, has never stopped coaching. "From the age of 11, I've always wanted to coach," he said. "Going on the field is like

somebody gave me a million dollars. People don't realize what an addiction it is."

A so back for an encore is one-time Los Angeles Rams coach John Robinson, who returns to Southern California's Trojans after a 10-year absence. Robinson sounds almost exactly like Ralston. "It's an honor for me to return to USC," he said. "My energy level is the same now as it was when I was named USC's coach the first time [in 1976]. I can't wait to get started."

Robinson may not get much of a honeymoon period after taking over for Larry Smith, because winners are demanded at Troy. But he doesn't sound worried. "We can be very competitive in 1993 at the highest level," he said. "I find myself shooting my mouth off and saying we'll win them all. But you can't function at USC without those expectations. We feel we should be in the top five nationally every year. We can never be an underdog."

Like Bill Walsh at Stanford in 1992, Robinson has a chance to break back in with a bang in a Pac-10 where, for the first time in several seasons, there are no clear-cut favorites. With Washington beset by problems and missing



LeShon Johnson Northern Illinois

key players, almost any team could win. And almost no school looks totally out of what could be a race to remember.

In the Big West-South-Midwest, things appear turbulent, too. But Nevada, which said hello to the conference with a title in '92, rates a slight edge over Utah State and San Jose State. It's hard to tell what the four newcomers might do to the title picture, although it's doubtful that any of them will be in the first division this season.

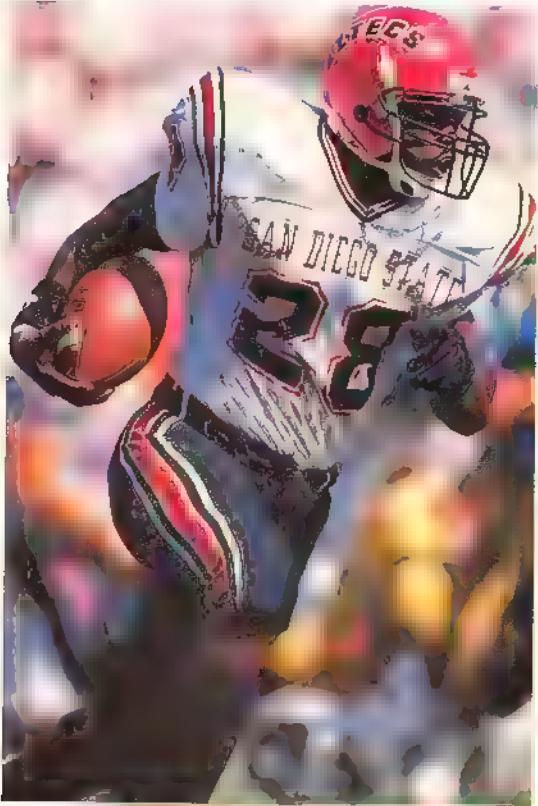
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rockies

by LEE BENSON SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS

Football in the Rockies takes on two divergent themes in 1993: one upbeat, one not so upbeat. In the Division I-A Western Athletic Conference, the theme is the third coming of Marshall Faulk, the sequel to the sequel for the record-breaking San Diego State junior running back. In the I-AA Big Sky Conference the theme is the great scholarship decline. In a vote of the league's presidents last winter the Big Sky decided that within the next four years, the schools' scholarship limits will be reduced from 63 to 48, a cut that could seriously undermine the ability of the league's

Marshall Faulk San Diego State



Bob Rosato



Trent Dilfer Fresno State

programs to remain competitive nationally.

But that's tomorrow's news. Today's news is Faulk. At eyes will be on the San Diego State running back. Again. Will he finally win the Heisman Trophy? Will he run for more than 400 yards in a game? Will he run for more than 2,000 yards in a season? Will he become the first back in history to win three straight NCAA rushing titles? And then there's the big one. Will he stay healthy? That's been Faulk's only nemesis. Injuries, not linebackers. In two eye-popping seasons that have seen him run for 3,059 yards (the second sophomore in NCAA history—after Herschel Walker to pass the 3,000 barrier) and score 36 touchdowns, he has missed almost six full games due to injury. It isn't hard to mount a case that had Faulk played every game as a freshman and sophomore he would have two Heisman Trophies already to his credit and San Diego State

Eric Drage Brigham Young



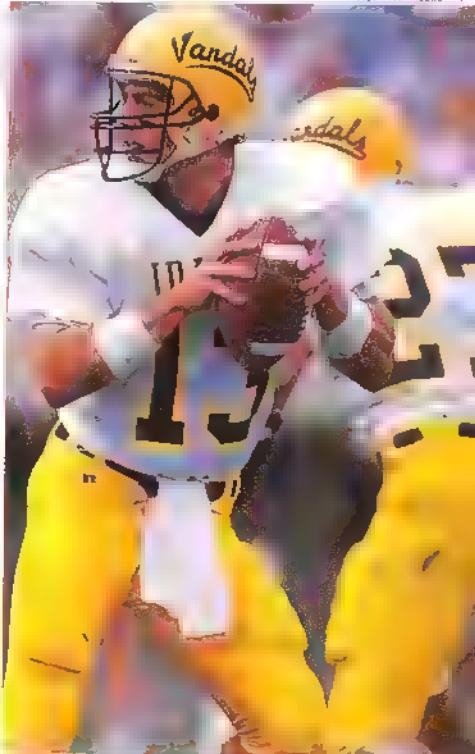
1993 all-rockies team

offense

Quarterback	Trent Dilfer	SR	Fresno State
Quarterback	Doug Nussmeier	SR	Idaho
Running back	Marshall Faulk	JR	San Diego State
Running back	Sheriden May	JR	Idaho
Running back	Jamal Wills	JR	Brigham Young
Wide receiver	Eric Drage	SR	Brigham Young
Wide receiver	Darnay Scott	JR	San Diego State
Wide receiver	Ryan Yarborough	SR	Wyoming
Tight end	Mike Jones	SR	Wyoming
Line	Jody Schnug	SR	Idaho
Line	Trent Poirier	SR	Eastern Washington
Line	Jesse Villareal	SO	UTEP
Line	Bob Cox	SR	Colorado State
Place-kicker	Derek Mahoney	SR	Fresno State
defense			
Line	Lenny Gomes	SR	Brigham Young
Line	Luther Elliss	JR	Utah
Line	Blaine Berger	SR	Utah
Line	Taase Faumu	SR	Hawaii
Linebacker	Barron Wortham	SR	UTEP
Linebacker	Dan Downs	JR	Montana
Linebacker	Beau Smith	SR	Northern Arizona
Back	Greg Myers	SO	Colorado State
Back	Todd Ericson	SR	Montana
Back	Darrell Lewis	SR	San Diego State
Back	Jackie Kellogg	SR	Eastern Washington
Punter	Terry Belden	SR	Northern Arizona

would have won the WAC and gone to the Holiday Bowl last year. Indeed, Faulk's most serious downturn came in last season's game against Fresno State when he was injured on his second carry and Fresno came from behind to get the victory, tie for the WAC title, and dump San Diego State from a tie for first to a fourth place, no-bowl finish.

Kevin W. Reece



Doug Nussmeier Idaho

With most of last year's lineup back in place, led by Faulk, the most intriguing story line in the WAC will be to see if the Aztecs can rebound from the late-season skid that saw them lose four of their last six games and fall one victory short of the NCAA's six-win minimum. It's one thing to have one of the most prolific running backs ever to play the college game. It's another thing to have titles to show for it. So far the Aztecs are 0-for-2 in the Faulk era. Fresno State and Brigham Young figure to pose familiar obstacles for Faulk and the Aztecs in the WAC.

Meanwhile in the Big Sky race, Idaho will be every bit as marked as Faulk. The Vandals finished the regular season ranked No. 5 in I-AA and most certainly will begin in the top 10 this year. That won't be just based on reputation and tradition. Coming off its fourth Big Sky championship in six years, Idaho returns a number of top players, not the least of whom is senior quarterback Doug Nussmeier. If he stays healthy, Nussmeier should surpass most or all of John Friesz's passing records at Idaho and turn himself into a viable Walter Payton Player of the Year Award winner.

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southwest

by IVY McLEMORE HOUSTON POST

Controversial shots of topless women spliced into practice films wasn't the kind of increased exposure Steve Hatchell was seeking for the Southwest Conference when he signed on as the league's new commissioner. It didn't take long for Hatchell to learn that directing a conference which has as many members under NCAA investigation as it sent to bowl games last year will be a formidable challenge. Texas A&M and Baylor were the only SWC teams to receive bowl bids last fall. The Aggies made almost as many headlines defending themselves against allegations that several players were paid for summer jobs they didn't perform as the team did in winning its first 12 games and contending for the national title. In contrast to A&M's problems, Houston found itself under NCAA scrutiny after allegations that the coaching staff worked players too hard in the summer and then rewarded them by showing films of women in various stages of undress.

Other than a new commissioner and a few fresh scandals, not much has changed in the SWC. Head coach John Jenkins is out and Kim Helton is in at Houston and Chuck Reedy takes over from Grant Teaff at Baylor. Texas

Unless the NCAA steps in its way, Texas A&M should have little trouble extending its 15-game conference winning streak. The Aggies will be aiming for the first SWC three-peat since Texas won six consecutive league crowns from 1968-73. A national championship could be within reach if the Aggies maximize their added speed at the skill positions and display increased poise on defense.

Texas is determined to contend for a bowl invitation in John Mackovic's second season now that the Longhorns have had a full year to digest their head coach's multiple offense. Finding a capable quarterback to throw to a long list of talented receivers is a priority, but the Longhorns' primary concern is a secondary which must replace three starters.

A third consecutive bowl bid could be in the offing at Baylor, where Reedy has a solid foundation on which to build an escalated passing

Ryan McCoy Houston

Al Kooistra



1993 all-southwest team

offense

Quarterback Jimmy Klingler JR Houston
Running back Rodney Thomas JR Texas A&M
Running back Byron Morris JR Texas Tech
Wide receiver Lloyd Hill SR Texas Tech
Wide receiver Sherman Smith SR Houston
Tight end Greg Schoppe SR Texas A&M
Line Chuck Pope SR Baylor
Line Darrell Clapp SR Houston
Line Troy Riemer SR Texas
Line David Leaks SR Baylor
Line Jeremy Stout SR SMU
Place-kicker Scott Szedely SR Texas

defense

Line Sam Adams JR Texas A&M
Line Steve Strahan JR Baylor
Line Lance Teichelman SR Texas A&M
Line Norman Watkins Jr Texas
Linebacker Jason Atkinson SR Texas A&M
Linebacker Ryan McCoy SR Houston
Linebacker Winfred Tubbs SR Texas
Back Nathan Bennett SR Rice
Back John W Brown SR Houston
Back Greg Evans SR TCU
Back Aaron Glenn SR Texas A&M
Punter Robert King SR Texas Tech

Winfred Tubbs Texas

A&M once again is prepared to defend its SWC title with the return of 69 freshmen and sophomores from last year's 12-1 team. Whispers persist that the SWC might expand or contract as it searches for ways to become more appealing to television executives who dislike the fact that all eight member schools are in Texas.

attack. The chances of Texas Tech matching or improving upon its second-place finish of a year ago depend on how quickly the Red Raiders learn the nuances of their new 4-4 defense while facing a schedule that includes five consecutive games against bowl teams.

The possibility of playing in a postseason game finally could become reality again at Rice, which posted its first winning season in 29 years. The Owls are confident of maintaining their momentum under coach Fred Goldsmith, who could guide his team to its first bowl appearance since 1961.

Jimmy Klingler Houston



Sam Adams Texas A&M

John Williamson

The gaudy numbers put up by Houston's run-and-shoot offense a year ago were surpassed only by the many allegations of rules violations leveled against Jenkins and his staff last spring. Regardless of what transpires off the field, the Cougars must patch holes in both lines if they are to make considerable progress in the SWC standings.

Southern Methodist snapped its 25-game SWC losing streak last year on its way to a 5-6 record that represented a big leap for a beleaguered program, but the Mustangs return only seven starters. Climbing out of the SWC cellar is the primary objective at Texas Christian, which must overcome a lack of depth and experience on offense.

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big 8

by BILL CONNORS TULSA WORLD

The fifth consecutive year of domination by Nebraska and Colorado could produce the closest and most exciting race for the Big Eight Conference championship since the Buffaloes replaced Oklahoma as Nebraska's principal rival for league supremacy. Colorado likes its chances. The Buffs are deeper than Nebraska at quarterback and tailback, positions that traditionally tilted the scales in the Cornhuskers' favor. Also their showdowns on the Buffaloes' campus at Boulder.

Nevertheless, it says here, the edge belongs to Nebraska to win a second straight undisputed title and a third straight ticket to the Orange Bowl. The Cornhuskers have in tailback Calvin Jones and quarterback Tommie Frazier the Big Eight's premier players at their positions. They also have the best offensive line. An inviting nonconference schedule will allow them the luxury of developing depth. And 1993 looms as a year when all the big

running game that disappeared last year, the Buffs could win their fourth title in five years.

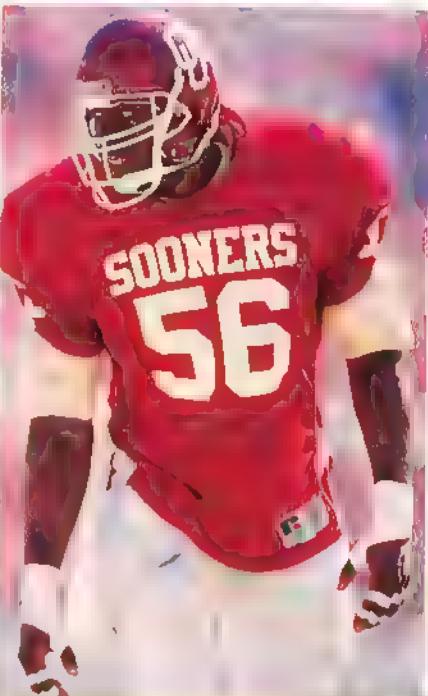
A level behind Nebraska and Colorado are Kansas and Oklahoma. Kansas returns a solid nucleus from a third-place team that won the Aloha Bowl. If highly regarded but unproven quarterback Fredrick Thomas comes through, the Jayhawks should finish third again. Oklahoma, coming off its worst season since 1965, expects to be improved on offense, because quarterback Dale Gundy, starting for the fourth year, will be surrounded by better run-

ning backs and blockers and competent receivers this fall. But the Sooners do not have the stars to contend.

The second division has the same prospective look as last year, when four teams won two games. Three of the four teams expect to improve. Oklahoma State has perhaps the league's best defender in linebacker Keith Burns and returns the skill-position operatives whose midseason moves fired the Cowboys' surprise drive to fifth place. Missouri, which closed on an encouraging note, returns its prolific passing battery of quarterback Jeff Handy and wideout Kenny Holly but continues to search for a running game and defense. Iowa State, which scored the year's top upset by defeating Nebraska, expects its second year in the triple option and new speed to produce improvement. Kansas State returns nine starters on offense but they are short on quality and the defense must be rebuilt.

The all-star check lists reflect a changing conference. It used to be heavy with running backs and defensive linemen. Nebraska's Calvin Jones is the only running back of merit this year, and there are no dominating linemen. The qualified candidates for postseason honors are mostly on offense. Besides Jones, they are wideout Michael Westbrook of Colorado, Nebraska tackle Zach Wiegert, Missouri

Aubrey Beavers Oklahoma



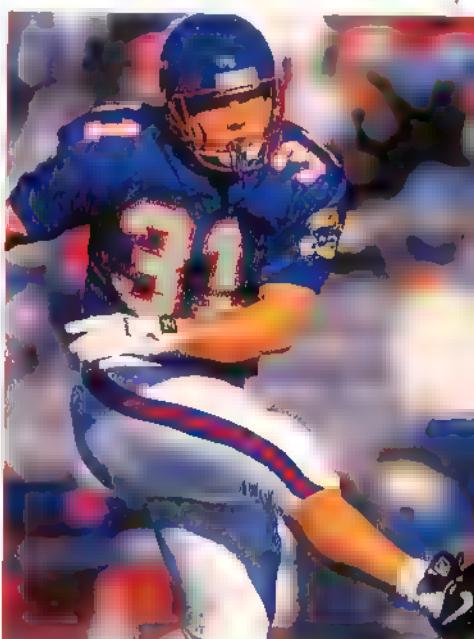
1993 all-big eight team

offense

Quarterback Tommie Frazier SO Nebraska
Running back Calvin Jones JR Nebraska
Wide receiver Michael Westbrook JR Colorado
Wide receiver Charles Johnson SR Colorado
Wide receiver Kenny Holly SR Missouri
Tight end Dwayne Chandler SR Kansas
Line Zach Wiegert JR Nebraska
Line Lance Lundberg SR Nebraska
Line Mike Bedosky SR Missouri
Line John Jones JR Kansas
Line Quentin Neujahr SR Kansas State
Line Jeff Pester, JR Oklahoma
Place-kicker Dan Eichloff SR Kansas

defense

Line/OLB Trev Alberts SR Nebraska
Line/OLB Ron Woolfork JR Colorado
Line Chris Maumalanga SR Kansas
Line Troy Petersen JR Iowa State
Line Aubrey Beavers SR Oklahoma
Line/Def. end Keith Burns SR Oklahoma State
Linebacker Mike Coats SR Oklahoma
Linebacker Ted Johnson JR Colorado
Back Jaime Mendez SR Kansas State
Back Kwanne Lassiter SR Kansas
Back Chris Hudson JR Colorado
Back Scott Harmon SR Oklahoma State
Punter Mitch Berger SR Colorado



Dan Eichloff Kansas

guard Mike Bedosky, Kansas tight end Dwayne Chandler, and kickers/punters Mitch Berger of Colorado and Dan Eichloff of Kansas. The most qualified defenders are middle linebacker Keith Burns of Oklahoma State, outside linebackers Trev Alberts of Nebraska and Ron Woolfork of Colorado, cornerback Chris Hudson of Colorado, and free safety Jamie Mendez of Kansas State.

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Michael Westbrook Colorado

Eight teams will be no better than average on defense. In the words of Casey Stengel, you can look it up. When Tom Osborne, the Big Eight's best offensive coach, has an experienced offense to attack shallow defenses, the trophy usually winds up at Lincoln.

Nebraska will need all its weapons to hold off Colorado. The 1992 Buffs won nine games in their debut in a passing offense. It was a radical departure from the triple option they used to win the 1990 national championship and three conference titles. But quarterback Kordell Stewart and superlative receivers Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson proved coach Bill McCartney was ideally equipped to embrace the new offense. They are among nine returning starters on offense. If newcomer Rashaan Salaam or one of the gifted and veteran tailbacks can galvanize a

atlantic coast

by BOB SPEAR THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

The object of the game in the Atlantic Coast Conference is the same: Chase Florida State. But no team could beat the Seminoles in their first league race in 1992, and no team will beat them this season, either. Charlie Ward and friends are simply too good. But, rivals say, there is no shame in losing to the Seminoles. Nor is the championship indicative that the league will become Florida State and the eight dwarfs.

"There are some great teams in this league," Maryland coach Mark Duffner said. "Florida State is one of the best teams in the country and I know this. Georgia Tech had 'em on the run." Indeed, the Seminoles needed some 11th-hour heroics against both Clemson and Georgia Tech to win the title with an unblemished record. But otherwise, only Virginia kept the score respectable.

"It's no cakewalk, and I don't think it ever will be," FSU coach Bobby Bowden said. "We had to come from behind to win twice, and I

think that's as close as you can come to dominating. I don't call that dominating."

Dominating or not, rivals know now how far they must climb to reach the Seminoles' level. "They're every bit as good as we thought, they may be quicker," Virginia coach George Welsh said. "Their talent level is very high. We looked forward to playing them, and we played well. But we just weren't good enough to beat them." And it's likely to remain that way for a while. "I guess they'll say we're favored until we lose," Bowden said.

Nelson Welch Clemson

David L. Greene



1993 all-atlantic coast team

offense

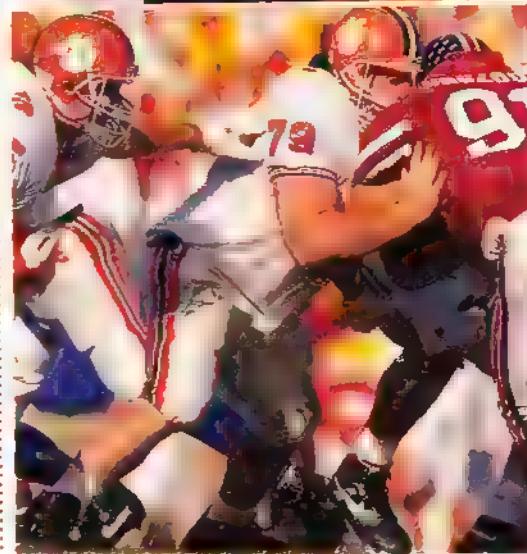
Quarterback	Charlie Ward	SR	Florida State
Running back	Mark Mason	SR	Maryland
Running back	Rodney Blunt	SR	Clemson
Wide receiver	Todd Dixon	SR	Wake Forest
Wide receiver	Corey Holliday	SR	North Carolina
Wide receiver	Tamarck Yanover	SO	Florida State
Tight end	Aaron Mundy	SR	Virginia
Line	Curtis Parker	SR	North Carolina
Line	George Hegamin	SO	N.C. State
Line	Stacy Seegars	SR	Clemson
Line	Mark Dixon	SR	Virginia
Line	Mike Cheever	SO	Georgia Tech
Place-kicker	Nelson Welch	JR	Clemson

defense

Line	Brenton Buckner	SR	Clemson
Line	Carl Reeves	JR	N.C. State
Line	David Wolfe	SR	Duke
Line	Dred Booe	SR	Wake Forest
Linebacker	Bernardo Harris	SR	North Carolina
Linebacker	Derrick Brooks	JR	Florida State
Linebacker	Tom Jones	JR	Clemson
Linebacker	Tyler Lawrence	SR	N.C. State
Back	Corey Sawyer	JR	Florida State
Back	Bracey Walker	SR	North Carolina
Back	Chilton Abramam	JR	Florida State
Back	Keith Lyle	SR	Virginia
Punter	Mike Thomas	SO	North Carolina

Ward, the spectacular quarterback who goes into the season among the favorites to win the Heisman Trophy, should make sure 1993 is not the year the Seminoles lose. He placed fourth nationally in total offense with 286 yards per game, and Bowden calls him "as dangerous a football player as I've ever had. He's got the stuff—the instincts, the

Keith Lyle Virginia



Stacy Seegars Clemson

arm—but it's his elusiveness that puts him above the rest." Ward underwent shoulder surgery in the spring, but Bowden is confident he will return better than ever. Does that mean the Seminoles might be, too?

"Our football team is improved in some areas and behind in others," he said. "I don't see us at the strength we played last year."

ACC coaches hope he is right. But Bowden immediately put a damper on their hopes. "I think our offense would be pretty good without Charlie," he said. "But with him, we become above whatever good is."

Whatever that is, it is better than the rest
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Corey Holliday North Carolina

deep south

by LARRY WOODY THE TENNESSEAN

Three new coaches break into the Southeastern Conference this fall as some of the league's veteran coaches have stepped aside, but look for some old, familiar faces to remain on top.

Alabama's Gene Stallings is coming off a perfect season, an SEC title, and a national championship, and the Crimson Tide will be tough to dislodge in the Western Division. They return a whopping 50 lettermen off last season's title team, including 13 starters and both kicking specialists. Stallings led Bama to its first national championship in 12 years and the Tide's 23-game winning streak is the longest in Division I football...and it's not over yet.

The rest of the West could be wide-open, although Mississippi State, in its third season under Jackie Sherrill, might surge ahead. The Bulldogs have put together back-to-back bowl teams, and Sherrill expects this fall's squad to feed off that success. Arkansas, under new coach Danny Ford, has some good returning talent and will blend in several newcomers, and the Razorbacks could spring some surprises. Ole Miss is fresh off a great

Jay Barker Alabama

Dale Zanine



season but desperately needs a quarterback. Auburn, in its first season under Terry Bowden, is still trying to return to its glory days, and LSU's rebuilding continues.

The SEC East could turn into a three-horse race between Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee, but on paper the edge goes to the Gators. They are solid and deep at virtually every

position and hungry for a title. The one big question mark for coach Steve Spurrier is at quarterback, where record-breaking Shane Matthews leaves a gaping hole to fill. The leading candidate for the job is junior Terry Dean, who last season took a total of 69 snaps. Molding quarterbacks is Spurrier's specialty, however, so if that's a problem, the Gators have a master to solve it. Florida has perhaps the league's premier running back in Errict Rhett, and one of the top receivers in Willie Jackson. If the defense comes through, the Gators have a chance to become the first Florida squad in history to win nine or more games for four straight years. This fall's senior class is already the winningest in history.

At Tennessee, Phil Fulmer served as the Vols' interim coach during much of last season after Johnny Majors underwent heart surgery. Fulmer was given the job permanently at

Errict Rhett Florida

Brian Spurlock



1993 all-deep south team

offense

Quarterback . Heath Shuler . Jr. . Tennessee
Running back Errict Rhett SR. Florida
Running back Charlie Garner SR. Tennessee
Wide receiver David Palmer JR. Alabama
Wide receiver Willie Jackson SR. Florida
Tight end Kirk Botkin SR. Arkansas
Line Tobe Sheils SR. Alabama
Line Jeff King SR. Memphis State
Line Roosevelt Patterson SR. Alabama
Line Kevin Mawae SR. LSU
Line Bernard Williams SR. Georgia
Place-kicker Joe Allison SR. Memphis State

defense

Line Kevin Carter JR. Florida
Line Henry Ford SR. Arkansas
Line Arleye Gibson SR. Mississippi State
Line Michael Tobias SO. Southern Miss
Linebacker Mitch Davis SR. Georgia
Linebacker Marly Moore SR. Kentucky
Linebacker Lemanski Hall SR. Alabama
Linebacker Danton Banta SR. Memphis State
Back Antonio Langham SR. Alabama
Back Greg Tremble SR. Georgia
Back Orlando Walters SR. Arkansas
Back Larry Kennedy JR. Florida
Punter Shayne Edge JA. Florida

the end of the regular season and guided the Vols to a Hall of Fame Bowl victory over Boston College. He has 13 starters back this season, including quarterback Heath Shuler, who could be a Heisman Trophy candidate.

Ironically, one of the other top quarterbacks in the nation is not only in the SEC but also in the East Division with UT. Georgia's Eric Zeier (rhymes with "fire") is an exceptional talent especially as a passer, but he lost many of the skilled players around him. How well some replacements plug the holes could determine how seriously the Bulldogs contend this fall.

Eric Zeier Georgia

A. Messerschmidt



Heath Shuler Tennessee

South Carolina showed signs of promise last season and should be even better this fall behind flashy sophomore quarterback Steve Taneyhill. The jury is still out on long-suffering Kentucky and Vanderbilt. After three seasons under Bill Curry, Kentucky is 11-22 and has yet to live up to Curry's expectations, while Vandy will be trying to avoid a 12th consecutive losing season.

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east

by MICKEY FURFARI THOMSON NEWSPAPERS

The changing college football scene in the East finally comes into sharp focus this fall. The Big East begins round-robin play, two years ahead of schedule, and Penn State officially starts competing as a member of the Big Ten. So the two-year-old football league no longer has to share the region's spotlight with the Nittany Lions. The shuffling leaves Army and Navy as the only remaining Eastern I-A independents.

Miami was declared the Big East champion twice strictly on the basis of national ranking. The Hurricanes were No. 1 in most final regular-season polls both times. This year, with every team playing each of the other seven, the conference standings now will determine the championship. This certainly should make the competition more interesting and exciting if not boost the chances of Miami's challengers. The league also has locked up a third automatic bowl bid by signing a two-year deal with the Sunshine Classic, formerly the Blockbuster Bowl. The first two choices will be made by the established bowl coalition.

Some folks around the Big East figure that surging Syracuse may overtake Miami this

Miami, 11-1 in 1992, has just two starters back on offense and five on defense. But several other veterans obtained considerable experience and loom large in the "reloading" process. The Hurricanes' cupboard always seems well-stocked.

While Syracuse shapes up as a bona fide contender records and tradition still favor Miami. Four national championships in the past decade came in odd-numbered years. And the fact that each of those teams had a first-year starting quarterback is encouraging to Frank Costa, who's succeeding Gino Torretta. Miami, 44-4 under fifth-year head coach Dennis Erickson, has ranked among the nation's top three teams for seven consecutive years.

Syracuse had the ball on Miami's three-yard line when time ticked out in last year's 16-10

Jim Pyne Virginia Tech

David L. Greene



1993 all-east team

offense

Quarterback, Marvin Graves SR, Syracuse
Running back, Donnell Bennett, JR., Miami
Running back, Bruce Presley SO, Rutgers
Wide receiver, Shelby Hill, SR, Syracuse
Wide receiver, Dietrich Jelis, JR, Pittsburgh
Tight end, Pete Mitchell, JR, Boston College
Line, Jim Pyne, SR, Virginia Tech
Line, Tré Johnson, SR, Temple
Line, Scott Vaughn, SR, Rutgers
Line, Terrell Greene, JR, Miami
Line, Tom Nalen, SR, Boston College
Place-kicker, Pat O'Neill, SR, Syracuse

defense

Line, Darren Kain, SR, Miami
Line, Kevin Mitchell, SR, Syracuse
Line, Rusty Medearis, JR, Miami
Line, Kevin Patrick, SR, Miami
Linebacker, Dan Conley, SR, Syracuse
Linebacker, Tom Tumulty, SO, Pittsburgh
Linebacker, Stephen Boyd, JR, Boston College
Linebacker, Lance Johnstone, SO, Temple
Back, Terrell Harris, SR, Miami
Back, Tyrone Drakeford, SR, Virginia Tech
Back, Malik Jackson, SR, Rutgers
Back, Dwayne Joseph, SR, Syracuse
Punter, Todd Sauerbrun, JR, West Virginia

thriller at the Carrier Dome. The Orangemen's search for revenge, however, will take them to the Orange Bowl where the Hurricanes have won 51 games in a row. What's more, Miami will have two weeks to prepare for that October 23 showdown. Playing only five home games also could hamper Syracuse's bid for top honors.

Boston College expects to continue its resurgence after going 8-2-1. Highly productive quarterback Glenn Foley heads a list of 13 returning regulars. The Eagles' lofty ambitions will be tested in the September 4 opener against Miami at Chestnut Hill.

Rusty Medearis Miami



Marvin Graves Syracuse

West Virginia, with seven home games, looks capable of improving on last year's 5-4-2 record. Rutgers also could be stronger after going 7-4. Change is the big story at Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, and Temple. Coach Frank Beamer hired four new assistants at Tech. Johnny Majors, forced out at Tennessee, started a second stint as the Panthers' coach. Ron Dickerson took over the Temple Owls.

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Glenn Foley Boston College

season. The Orange, 10-2 in each of the last two years under coach Paul Pasqualoni, have key performers among a dozen returning starters. These include Heisman Trophy candidate Marvin Graves at quarterback, wide receiver Shelby Hill, defensive standout Kevin Mitchell, and kicker Pat O'Neill. In contrast,

Street & Smith's 1993 High School All-America Team

by DOUG HUFF

WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

Jerod Douglas and Allen Iverson, who led their schools to state titles and earned Texas and Virginia Player of the Year honors, respectively, headline Street & Smith's 12th annual High School All-America team, the elite, 50-player unit of athletes from 26 states plus the District of Columbia. Twenty of the selections hail from five states—California, Texas, Florida, Ohio and Louisiana.

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound Douglas set a Texas Class 5A season rushing record with 2,967 yards as Judson (14-1) won the state 5A-1 title. Douglas scored 37 touchdowns and averaged 8.4 yards per carry. Iverson, meanwhile, led Bethel to football and basketball state championships and was being heavily recruited in both sports. The quarterback passed for 1,222 yards and 14 TDs and rushed 130 times for 775 yards and 19 TDs for his 12-2 team. On defense, he intercepted nine passes. In basketball, the point guard averaged 32 points for the 27-3 state champs.

Versatile Jeff Holtry of West High in Salt Lake City was the Player of the Year in Utah while defensive lineman Vavae Tata of St. Louis High in Honolulu won the honor in Hawaii. Both led their teams to 13-0 records and state crowns. Holtry, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound four-sport performer and state wrestling champion, was a defensive end/linebacker/tight end/place-kicker last season. He caught 28 passes for 681 yards and seven TDs, kicked 12 field goals, had 16 sacks, and was in on 150 tackles. Tata, a three-sport performer, is a 6-3, 242-pounder for the top Hawaii program, which has won the last seven Prep Bowl championships.

Here is a summary of the remainder of the Top 50 honor roll:

QUARTERBACKS

Two of the most prolific passers in prep history return for their final season. Ryan Clement of Mullen Prep in Denver, CO, is a three-sport athlete who has completed 446 of 644 passes for 7,468 yards and 66 TDs with only 24 interceptions. As a freshman he passed for 26 TDs and 2,800 yards. In one game last fall, he completed all 21 attempts for 380 yards.

Jerod Douglas,
Judson High School, Converse, TX

In Shreveport, LA, a small-school sensation has already etched his name into the U.S. record book and could add more listings this fall. Josh Booty of Evangel Christian averaged a record 365 passing yards per game last season while completing 259 of 461 attempts for 4,385 yards and 47 TDs. With an eye on the national career marks of 9,332 yards and 104 TDs, Booty enters his final year with 8,646 yards and 83 TDs, having completed 56 percent of his attempts.

Louisiana is also the home of another All-American: Peyton Manning of Newman School in New Orleans. The son of ex-NFL quarterback Archie Manning completed 144 of 265 passes for 2,345 yards and 30 TDs with only four interceptions last season.

Returning at St. Ignatius High in Cleveland is Scott Mutrym, who led the Wildcats to a 14-0 record and the school's fourth state title in the last five years. He completed 53 percent of his passes for 2,018 yards and 20 TDs.

RUNNING BACKS

Deion Washington rushed for over 1,300 yards for Kimball High in Dallas, which was unbeaten and the state's top-ranked team during the regular season in 1992.

The top rusher for the first 15-0 team in California returns. He's Rodney Sermons of Bishop Amat in La Puente, who was named state Junior Player of the Year after he chalked up 1,700 rushing yards. Another West Coast back the talent scouts like is Tenei Ethridge of Helix High in La Mesa. The brother of former San Diego Charger Ray Ethridge, he gained 1,236 yards last season and 987 as a sophomore.

Robert E. Lee High of Montgomery, AL, will be seeking its third straight state crown with Fred Beasley in the lineup. Despite not playing in the fourth period of seven games last season, he gained 1,538 yards on 227 carries and scored 26 TDs in 14 games. He also caught eight passes for 172 yards and two TDs. As a sophomore he rushed for 1,556 yards and 18 TDs. In track, he's noted for breaking the state decathlon records set by Bo Jackson, and he won a national prep crown last summer.

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In Neptune, NJ, observers are expecting even bigger things out of Scott Harley this fall. The lone junior on the all-state first unit last season rushed 263 times for 2,371 yards and 32 TDs in 11 games.

A football/basketball standout at traditional McKinley High in Canton, OH, has attracted national recruiters. He's Che Bryant, who gained 1,399 yards and scored 12 TDs by rushing, receiving, and kick returns in 10 games last season.

The top back in Virginia is Kenneth Oxendine of Thomas Dale High in Chester. During a state runner-up campaign, he rushed 167 times for 1,549 yards and 16 TDs and caught six passes for 207 yards and three TDs.

UTILITY PLAYERS

State sprint champion Tim Wright enters his fourth season at Iowa City as Iowa's premier prep. Last season he rushed 148 times for 1,299 yards and caught 33 passes for 517 yards while scoring 27 TDs. In his first two seasons of track, he timed 10.8, 21.5, and 47.5 for the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dashes and long-jumped 23 feet, 3 inches.

In Arkansas Tyrone Henry of Rivercrest High in Wilson is also a track standout (decathlon). The four-year football regular enters his last season with 4,543 rushing yards and 55 TDs. He had 30 carries for 412 yards and four TDs in a state playoff game.

Ben Washington has been in the Florida state track meets since he was a freshman at Lincoln High in Tallahassee. The two-way back who has timed 10.65 seconds for 100 meters is being recruited as a running back and defensive back.

RECEIVERS

In Madison WI East High has an athlete who earned all-state honors both as a wide receiver and defensive back. He's Donald Hayes, a rangy football/basketball standout who caught 44 passes for 701 yards and eight touchdowns in nine games last season. He also intercepted 11 passes and returned one for a TD, ran back a punt for another score, and kicked 18 PATs and a field goal.

Dee Miller of South High in Springfield, OH, will be seeking his third all-state honor after catching 70 passes for 1,587 yards and 20 TDs the last two years. In one game, he grabbed six for 300 yards. He also was the team's top tackler and had five interceptions.

Three-sport Edmond, OK athlete Marcus Nash returns for his final season, but it will be tough to top last year's effort, when he caught 51 passes for 864 yards and 15 TDs.

The Carolinas are home to two All-America receivers in Maurice (Mo) Staley of West Charlotte High in Charlotte, NC, and Lee Smith of Spartanburg, SC. Staley had 77 catches for 1,400 yards and 11 TDs last season. Smith, a three-sport star, caught 56 for 1,298 yards and 17 TDs and has career numbers of 28 TDs and 2,077 reception yards.

TIGHT ENDS

Larry Brown of Crim High in Atlanta is a three-sport performer who has 71 receptions for 878 yards and 16 TDs plus 18 conversion catches in two years. As a defensive tackle during that period, he had 16 sacks and 149 tackles.

South Park High in Buffalo, NY, had a 10-0 record in '92 as Brandon Williams was a two-way standout. On offense, he caught 25 passes for 424 yards and three TDs.

Gary Holmes of North Thurston High in Lacy, WA, throws the javelin and plays basketball, but the scouts like this two-way football stalwart on offense or as a linebacker, where he made nine sacks and 80 tackles.

Carencro High in Lafayette, LA, won the state Class 5A title last season as Wade Richey converted 14 of 20 field goals, including eight over 40 yards and a state-record-tying 52-yarder among four over 50 yards. He also punted for a 42-yard average. In two seasons, he has connected on 17 of 28 field goal attempts and 85 of 87 PATs while boomerang 89 percent of his kickoffs as touchbacks.

The University of Tennessee already has a commitment from Jeff Hall of Franklin County High in Winchester, TN. He set a state record with a 62-yard field goal in 1991 and tied it last season. In two years, he has missed only two field goals inside 45 yards while converting 17 of 27 overall and 44 of 46 extra points.

Jamaica-born Floyd Wedderburn of Upper Darby, PA, a three-sport star, has learned fast in his four years in the U.S. and is a dominating force on either side of the line. Robert (Bo) Barzilaukas of South High in Bloomington, IN, who had two interceptions from his line position, learned from his father, Carl, a former New York Jet. And Tony Coats of South Kitsap in Port Orchard, WA, an "A" student, spends much of his spare time in the weight room when he isn't playing three sports. Other All-Americans are Coleman Johnson of Poly High in Riverside, CA, Orlando Pace of Sandusky, OH, and Ryan Fagan of North Allegheny in Wexford, PA.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The top prospects in Georgia and Oklahoma spend much of their playing time in opponents' backfields. They are Travis Stroud of Dunwoody, GA, and Martin Chase of Eisenhower High in Lawton, OK. Stroud, also a pro baseball prospect, had 15 sacks last season. Chase had five sacks and returned two fumbles for TDs. He also plays basketball and is on the track team.

Scouts who need tackle prospects in Texas and Florida know about Derrick Fletcher of Airdrie High in Houston, who's also an "A" student, and Charles Dorsey who starred for the state runner-up team last season at Dillard High in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Ends with stellar credentials include Juaquin Feazell of Peach County High in Fort Valley, GA and Rasheed Simmons of Edison, NJ. Feazell led Peach County to a 14-1 record and state runner-up status with 14 tackles for losses, 12 blocked passes, and 96 tackles. Simmons had 14 sacks plus 42 solo stops.

LINEBACKERS

Florida's top player could be two-time all-state Lamont Green of Southridge High in Miami. Compared to ex-Miami prep and Florida State star Marvin Jones, a first-round NFL draftee, Green is a four-year regular who had 91 tackles and 40 assists with 20 stops for losses in the last two seasons.

The top prospects in Oregon, Michigan, and the District of Columbia also back the line. They are Kailie Wong of North Eugene High in Eugene, OR; Sam Sword of Arthur Hill High in Saginaw, MI, and Jamal Williams of Archbishop Carroll in DC. Wong also rushed for 1,352 yards. Williams had 95 tackles and practices karate in his spare time.

Tony Gonzalez of Huntington Beach, CA, also is a talented tight end and basketball player. Vernon Rollins will become the first four-year starter at Hackensack, NJ. He had 19 sacks and five fumble recoveries in '92.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Versatile Anthony (Amp) Campbell of Riverview High in Sarasota, FL, can play most skill positions, as can Robert Hammond of Orlousas, LA, who had 1,280 receiving/rushing yards last season. Jarvis Edison of Bay City, TX, long jumps 24-feet in track. Paul Shields of Paradise Valley High in Phoenix is regarded as Arizona's top prospect.

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Street & Smith's Top 50 High School Seniors of 1993

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prep seniors
to watch**

QUARTERBACKS		ht	wt	high school	home town
Josh Booty	6-3	200	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, LA	
Ryan Clement	6-1	195	Mullen Prep	Denver, CO	
Peyton Manning	6-5	200	Newman School	New Orleans, LA	
Scott Mutrynn	6-3	200	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH	
RUNNING BACKS					
Fred Beasley	6-1	195	Robert E. Lee	Montgomery AL	
Che Bryant	6-3	178	McKinney	Canton OH	
Jerod Douglas	5-9	165	Judson	Converse TX	
Teneil Ethridge	5-11	205	Heix	La Mesa CA	
Scott Harley	5-11	195	Neptune Township	Neptune NJ	
Kenneth Oxendine	6-1	218	Thomas Dale	Chester VA	
Rodney Sermons	6-0	175	Bishop Amat	La Puente CA	
Delon Washington	5-10	180	Kimball	Dallas, TX	
UTILITY PLAYERS					
Tim Dwight	5-10	176	Iowa City	Iowa City IA	
Tyrone Henry	6-0	210	Rivercrest	Wilson AR	
Jeff Holtby	6-3	215	West	Salt Lake City UT	
Allen Iverson	6-1	172	Bethel	Hampton VA	
Ben Washington	6-1	185	Lincoln	Tallahassee FL	
WIDE RECEIVERS					
Donald Hayes	6-5	185	East	Madison, WI	
Dee Miller	6-2	200	South	Springfield, OH	
Marcus Nash	6-3	185	Edmond	Edmond OK	
Lee Smith	6-2	167	Spartanburg	Spartanburg SC	
Maurice Staley	6-0	195	West Charlotte	Charlotte NC	
TIGHT ENDS					
Larry Brown	6-5	231	Chm	Atlanta, GA	
Gary Holmes	6-6	250	North Thurston	Lacy, WA	
Brandon Williams	6-4	238	South Park	Buffalo, NY	
KICKERS					
Jeff Hall	6-0	175	Franklin County	Winchester TN	
Wade Richey	6-3	190	Carencro	Lafayette LA	
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN					
Bo Barzilauskas	6-6	265	South	Bloomington IN	
Tony Coats	6-6	274	South Kitsap	Port Orchard WA	
Ryan Fagan	6-6	270	North Allegheny	Wexford PA	
Coleman Johnson	6-3	255	Poly	Riverside CA	
Orlando Pace	6-8	300	Sandusky	Sandusky, OH	
Floyd Wedderburn	6-7	315	Upper Darby	Upper Darby PA	
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN					
Martin Chase	6-3	280	Eisenhower	Lawton OK	
Charles Dorsey	6-3	260	Dillard	Fort Lauderdale FL	
Joaquin Feazell	6-5	250	Peach County	Fort Valley GA	
Derrick Fletcher	6-7	310	Aldine	Houston TX	
Rasheed Simmons	6-6	230	Edson	Edison NJ	
Travis Stroud	6-4	270	Dunwoody	Dunwoody GA	
Vavae Tata	6-3	242	St. Louis	Honolulu HI	
LINEBACKERS					
Tony Gonzalez	6-5	221	Huntington Beach	Huntington Beach CA	
Lamont Green	6-3	220	Southridge	Miami, FL	
Veron Rollins	6-4	220	Hackensack	Hackensack NJ	
Sam Sword	6-3	220	Arthur Hill	Saginaw MI	
Jama Williams	6-3	250	Carroll	Washington, DC	
Karlee Wong	6-4	220	North Eugene	Eugene, OR	
DEFENSIVE BACKS					
Amp Campbell	6-1	180	Riverview	Sarasota FL	
Jarvis Edison	6-5	200	Bay City	Bay City TX	
Robert Hammond	6-3	185	Oleousas	Opelousas LA	
Pau Shields	6-2	190	Paradise Valley	Phoenix AZ	

high school home town

- Bob Adams . St Edward Lakewood OH
- Craig Akins . Matoaca Ettrick, VA
- Tim Alexander Riverview Sarasota, FL
- Aaron Brooks . Ferguson Newport News, VA
- Anthony Coles Huguenot Richmond, VA
- Mike Cool Conestoga Valley Lancaster, PA
- Met Daniels . Binghamton Binghamton, NY
- Ed Dean Rimrock Bruneau ID
- Cale Dehart Alta, Sandy UT
- Tommy Dugan Gaithersburg Gaithersburg, MD
- Mark Farms Angleton Angleton, TX
- Ryan Fry . Oak Grove Oak Grove, MO
- Brian Greene Caravel Academy Bear, DE
- Rod Jackson Fairview Camden, AR
- Randy Johnson Burnsville Burnsville, MN
- Scott Johnson Lakes Tacoma, WA
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- Ryan Lear Russell Great Falls MT
- Shawn McCullough Meadowdale Dayton, OH
- Tyron McGill Gaffney Gaffney, SC
- Jim McGowan Belvoir Brookhaven, NY
- Mike Miller Bellarmine Tacoma, WA
- Mike Moreno Mesa Mesa AZ
- Tony Morrison Indian River Chesapeake, VA
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- Chris Wallace South Springfield OH
- Jeff Watson A&M Consolidated College Station, TX
- Jeff Weaver Blackhawk Beaver Falls, PA
- Pat Wood Laguna Beach Laguna Beach, CA
- Anthony Wright West Craven Vanceboro, NC

RUNNING BACKS

- Andre Aikens Daniel Centra SC
- Shawn Bane Riverview Sarasota, FL
- Rodney Bansby North Shawnee Mission KS
- William Barnes McNeil-Baker Camilla GA
- Jason Barr McGuffey Claysville, PA
- Ken Barry Priory Chesterfield MO
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Where the Top 1992 Prep Seniors Signed

50 Underclassmen to Watch

Alabama - Robert Burrow QB Fultondale
 Arizona - Gerald Green RB Mesa Red Mountain
 Arkansas - Kevin Williams QB Pine Bluff Dollarway
 Marcus Jefferson LB Pine Bluff
 California - David Gates DL San Diego Morse
 Steve Wolford RB Bakersfield, John Raymond OL Ventura Buena,
 Jerry Brown RB Woodland Hills Taft
 Tyrell Evans (Soph) RB Pittsburg
 Colorado - Sean Davis QB Lakewood Bear Creek
 Florida - Reggie McGrew OL Mayo Layette
 Robert Louis Stevenson PK Bradenton Manatee
 Mike Gardner (Soph) DB Live Oak Suwannee
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 Andy Bryant LB Dunwoody
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 West Virginia - Randy Moss WR Belle DuPont
 Wisconsin - Kerry Heindel T Monroe

25 Prep Teams to Watch in 1993

Alabama - Montgomery Robert E. Lee (13-1)
 Arizona - Mesa (13-1)
 Arkansas - Pine Bluff Dollarway (14-0)
 California - La Puente Bishop Amat (15-0) Bakersfield (11-1)
 San Diego Morse (14-0), Los Angeles Loyola (12-2)
 Florida - Bradenton Manatee (13-1)
 Colorado - Denver Millennium Prep (7-3)
 Georgia - Valdosta (14-0)
 Hawaii - Honolulu St. Louis (13-0)
 Illinois - East St. Louis (9-2)
 Indiana - Fort Wayne Snider (14-0)
 Kansas - Lawrence (12-0)
 Louisiana - River Ridge John Curtis (10-1)
 Maryland - Hyattsville DeMatha (11-1)
 Ohio - Cleveland St. Ignatius (14-0)
 Oklahoma - Jenks (11-2)
 Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh North Hills (8-2)
 South Carolina - Central Daniel (14-1)
 Texas - Converse Judson (14-1)
 Dallas Kimball (11-1), Odessa Permian (11-2)
 Virginia - Hampton Bethel (12-2), Dublin Pulaski County (12-2)

(1992 Records)

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Ron Powles	Berwick PA	Notre Dame
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Derrick Steaga	Newnan GA	Georgia Tech

Top 10 Recruiting Classes

- 1 Florida State
- 2 Michigan
- 3 Notre Dame
- 4 Tennessee
- 5 Stanford
- 6 Miami
- 7 Alabama
- 8 Oklahoma
- 9 Florida
- 10 Texas

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Division I-AA National Preview

by DAVID NEWTON

THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

Will Marshall and Youngstown State meet in the title game for the third straight year? What will Georgia Southern's impact be on the Southern Conference? And is the Southern Conference still the premier I-AA league in the nation? How does newcomer Troy State fit into the national picture? These are questions Division I-AA football coaches should be asking... instead they're asking if I-AA football as they know it is on the way out.

If the NCAA accepts a proposal to cut I-AA scholarships from 63 to 45, the group that was formed for small schools that wanted to play Division I basketball but not football may cease to exist. Perennial powers such as Marshall, Idaho and Middle Tennessee State already are looking to move to Division I-A. The Southern Conference as a whole has explored the possibility. Northeast Louisiana will move to I-A by next season. Schools that can't meet the I-A requirements (a 30,000-seat stadium and an average attendance of 17,000 over the



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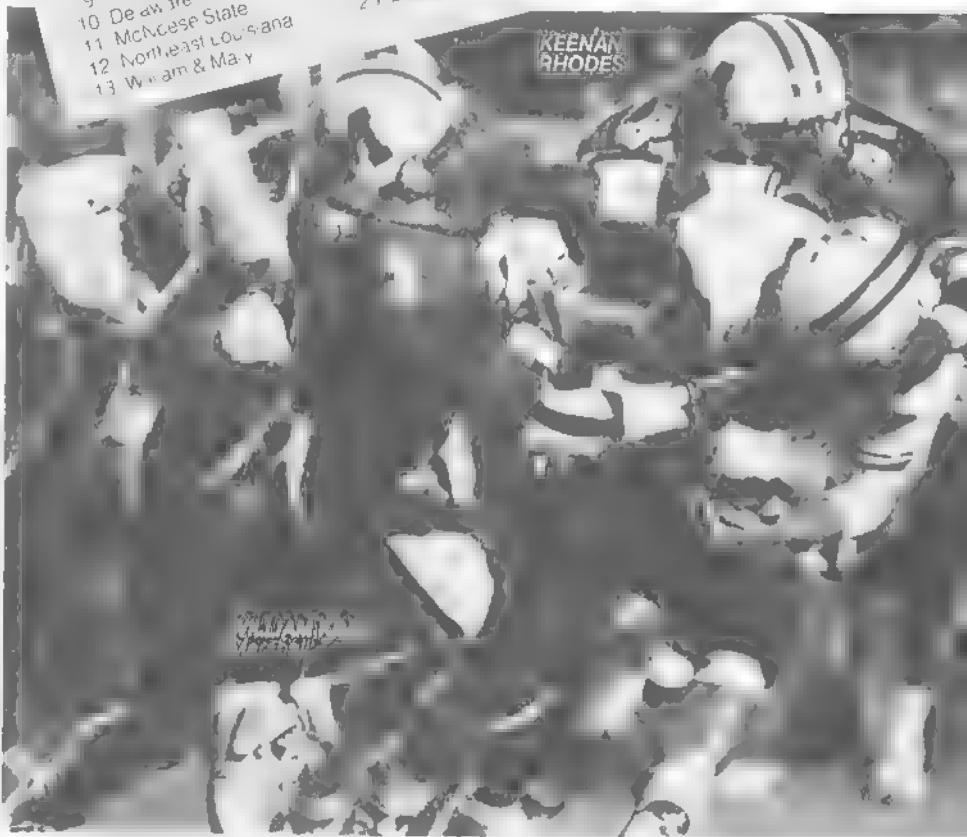
past four years) fear they must drop to Division II. At least then, coaches say, they'll be on equal terms as far as the number of scholarships awarded.

Many coaches believe the cuts are inevitable because of the increasing costs of college athletics and demands for gender equity. A survey by the Ohio Valley Conference which, along with the Big Sky, is pushing for the cuts, says that only 33 of 115 I-AA schools favor keeping scholarships as they are.

"It's terrible what they're doing, and our league [Big Sky] is forcing their hand," Idaho coach John L. Smith said. "Our league is the leader in justice and stupidity."

Top 25

1. Marshall	14. Samford
2. Middle Tennessee State	15. Villanova
3. Youngstown State	16. The Citadel
4. Idaho	17. North Texas State
5. Western Carolina	18. Montana
6. Troy State	19. Lehigh
7. Eastern Kentucky	20. Appalachian State
8. Georgia Southern	21. Central Florida
9. Northern Iowa	22. South Carolina State
10. Delaware	23. Western Illinois
11. McNeese State	24. North Carolina A&T
12. Northeast Louisiana	25. Boise State
13. William & Mary	



Middle Tennessee State coach Boots Donnelly says that every coach in the Ohio Valley is against the cuts, but that doesn't seem to matter. "It's the league presidents who make the decisions," he said. "They're going to cut back to where all we're going to have across the country is the Super 60, and everybody else will be playing intramural football."

North Texas coach Dennis Parker agrees. Cutting and reducing scholarships is the beginning of the death march, he said. "If it doesn't destroy it, it certainly will water it down."

Southern Conference commissioner Wright Waters says the cuts will come. Waters was elected at a I-AA meeting in May to chair a committee to study the matter and come up with a proposal for the NCAA convention. "We said they're going too fast with the additional cuts, and we'd like to have some time to see how current levels work out," he said. "We need it to see the impact on gate receipts, on minorities, and on the schools." Waters said

the cuts won't be as cost-containing as the presidents believe, that they're going to hurt schools that have kept dates with D-I schools. Southern Conference teams played 10 I-A teams last season for a guaranteed \$1.5 million. A reduction in scholarships would force those schools which can't move up a level to drop those dates.

"We're totally against it," Marshall coach Jim Donnan said of the cuts. "We've made a commitment to a new stadium. We feel like we're going to have to get some teams that have similar interests as us and form a new league in I-A."

Many coaches believe the beginning of I-AA football's end began two years ago when the NCAA ruled that Division I teams must have six Division I victories to be eligible for a bowl. That forced many I-A schools to drop I-AA schools, thus eliminating gate guarantees of \$250,000 and up. "Those were money games that really helped the program," North-

east Louisiana coach Dave Roberts said "Now a lot of schools supported by those big games can hardly make it."

That the Southern Conference has maintained a solid relationship with I-A schools and is leading the fight against scholarship cuts reinforces a widely held opinion that it is the nation's strongest league. "The Southern always has been very progressive," Donnelly said. "Their commitment is very simple. Try to contain costs at any avenue possible, but don't jeopardize the quality of the programs."

The cover of the Southern Conference football media guide, which depicts six national championship trophies and five runner-up trophies since 1983, is evidence of that. But four of the championship and one of the runner-up trophies were won by Georgia Southern as an independent. Furman and Marshall own the other two. Marshall has been a runner-up twice, Furman and Western Carolina once each.

"Our goal always is to reach the championship game," Georgia Southern coach Tim Stowers said. "However, this year, we have a new goal. I think it's one of the most challenging we've ever had. That is, to compete for the Southern Conference championship. I think without a doubt it's the toughest I-AA league in the country."

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB Lonnie Galloway	SR	Western Carolina
RB Keith Easas	SR	Princeton
RB Kelvin Anderson	JR	Southeast Missouri St
WR Terry McKensie	SR	Florida A&M
WR David Rhodes	JR	Central Florida
OL Jody Schnur	SR	Idaho
OL Marcus Spears	SR	Northwestern Louisiana
OL Dave Pyne	SR	Lafayette
OL Tom Walters	SR	William & Mary
OL Allen Ray	SR	Troy State
PK Scott Obermaier	SO	Northern Iowa

DEFENSE

DL Alex Mash	SR	Georgia Southern
DL Matt Mornell	SR	Delaware
DL Chad Bratzke	SR	Eastern Kentucky
LB Terry Irving	SR	McNeese State
LB Rob Milanette	SR	Holy Cross
LB Chris Zingo	SR	Cornell
LB Darius Dawson	SR	Georgia Southern
DB Randy Fuller	SR	Tennessee State
DB LaCorvey Hardesty	SR	Alabama State
DB Cedric Walker	SR	Stephen F Austin
DB Rodney Harrison	JR	Western Illinois
P Terry Belden	SR	Northern Arizona

He'll get little argument from his Southern Conference peers, who have said for years that winning the league is tougher than winning the national title. They've claimed that Georgia Southern had an advantage in being an independent because it could schedule easy games between its tough ones. But in the Southern Conference, most coaches say there are no breathers, no weekends to relax and heal wounds. In fact, picking a team to win the league is about as tough as picking a national champion.

That's especially true this season. Marshall returns 10 starters and 61 lettermen from the team that won a school-record 12 games and led the nation in scoring with 42 points per game. The Citadel, which concluded the regular season ranked No. 1 in the nation, has nine starters back from its Southern Conference title team. Furman appears poised to return to the top with a defense that includes five fifth-year players. Appalachian State is always strong. Western Carolina is picked by many to win the league after battling to stay out of the league cellar for most of the past six seasons. The Catawba return Lonnie Galloway, who finished second in the nation in passing efficiency last fall, and his top two receivers in Craig Aiken and Kerry Hayes. And there's newcomer Georgia Southern. The Eagles return 17 starters, including nine on a defense that should carry them to the playoffs for the first time in three seasons.

"We've been wanting to get into the Southern Conference for a long time," Stowers said. "I'm excited. Our players are excited. Our fans are excited. We've had a lot of success in a short period of time, but what we haven't had is a lot of natural rivalries. Once we start playing Citadel and Furman on a home-and-home basis, that will be a natural. Our fans can learn to hate somebody year-round."

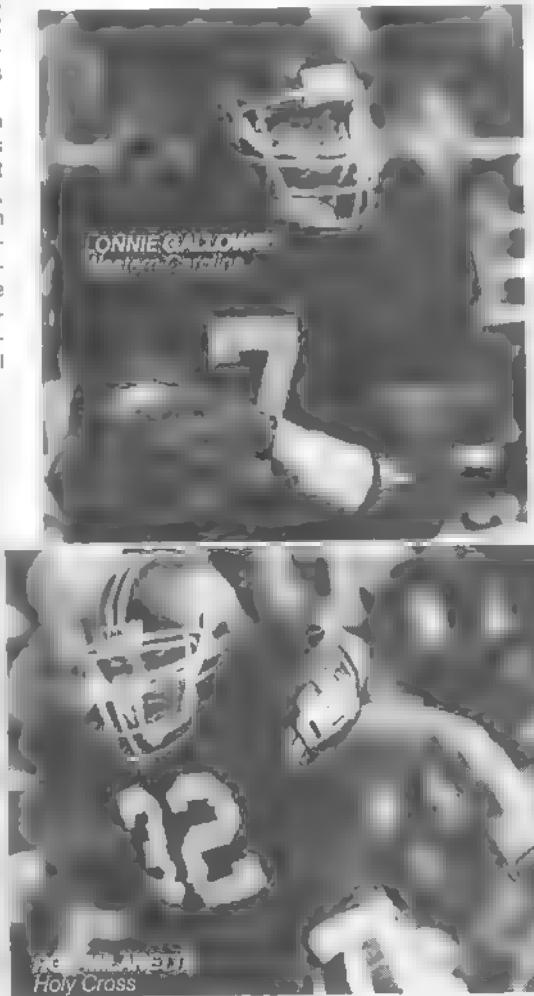
Georgia Southern won't have to wait long to find out how tough the league is. The Bulldogs host The Citadel on September 11 and play at Marshall the following week. Two weeks later, they play at Miami before taking on Western Carolina in Statesboro, GA. While Stowers admits his team has to adjust mentally to competing for a league title, he challenges those who criticized the Eagles' schedule as an independent. "A lot of people think our schedule was weak," he said. "But I look at our RPI

[rating percentage index] and our schedule two of the last three years was one of the toughest. In 1990, we played Eastern Kentucky, Marshall, Middle Tennessee, and Florida State. How much tougher can you get?"

Youngstown State coach Jim Tressel who as an independent has admired the Southern Conference, said Georgia Southern is about to find out. "It was going to be a difficult enough task because of their past success," he said. "Everyone wants to beat them, anyway. They will get a double dose of reality in the Southern Conference."

The Citadel coach Charlie Taffe laughs. He realizes the Southern just got tougher, too. "You're talking about bringing in one of the premier I-AA teams," he said. "They've been down—for their standards—the last two seasons, but I don't look for that to last."

Neither does Stowers, whose program has the second-best I-AA percentage in the nation behind Eastern Kentucky since 1980. The Eagles' worst season since the program was reinstated in 1982 was 6-5 in 1983. They won 12 or more games five times between 1985 and



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1990 going 15-0 under Erik Russell in 1989. Their 7-4 record in each of the past two seasons would satisfy most alumni, but not this group. "They expect a national championship every year," Stowers said. He hopes to give them one with talent such as All-America candidate Alex Mash at defensive end. "We have big shoes to follow," Stowers admitted. "But I wouldn't have it any other way."

Stowers says the team everybody should look out for is Troy State. The Trojans played a I-AA schedule last season and finished 10-1, but they weren't eligible for postseason play. They beat Georgia Southern, 21-0, in Statesboro. "They may have been the best team we played," said Stowers, whose team lost, 21-10, at Youngstown State in the regular-season finale. Troy State coach Larry Blakeney jokingly says Stowers is trying to put pressure on his young team. "We had a great day against Georgia Southern," he said. "We were able to convert on something like 14 of 16 or 17 third downs. We didn't give them a lot of chances to score. I'd have hated to have been in their shoes in that situation."

Perhaps. But most coaches around the country mention Troy State when asked to name national contenders. They point to Trojan quarterback Kelvin Simons as a potent All-America and Allen Ray as one of the nation's premier offensive linemen. Troy State also has some talent on defense in linemen Antwoine Clark and Sherman Jones.

"They may be the best team in the country."



Tressel said, "They're definitely a team to reckon with," said Donnan, who also likes Youngstown State, which has 10 starters back from the team that lost the I-AA championship to Marshall, 31-28, on a field goal with 11 seconds left. Tressel admits his team has a chance as long as it remains healthy for the third straight year. Youngstown's running game should be healthy with the return of Tamron Smith (979 yards, 14 TDs). Defensively, outside linebackers Jeff Powers and Alfred Hill could be outstanding.

In the Ohio Valley Conference look for Middle Tennessee to make a strong run at the title, with perennial power Eastern Kentucky and possibly Tennessee State not far behind. Middle Tennessee lost five players to the NFL, including third-round pick Mike Caldwell, the team's Most Valuable Player. But back is sophomore quarterback Kelly Holcomb, expected to be the premier quarterback in the league if Donnelly can rebuild his line. EKU has one of the nation's best defensive linemen in Chad Bratzke.

Donnelly says Tennessee State will contend because it has the most experience and talent coming back. The last three or four years, it's basically been a two-team race: us and East-



ern," Donnelly said. "I think Tennessee Tech has finally gotten to the point they feel they can win. Tennessee State always has had the players to make a ripple. Tennessee-Martin has made moves to improve."

McNeese State, Northeast Louisiana, and North Texas are the teams to beat in the Southland. Nobody is more confident about his team's chances than North Texas's Dennis Parker, despite a 4-7 record a year ago. "I probably should be a little more restrained," Parker said. "But we've got everybody back from the last two seasons and we had a great spring. I feel good. God, dang, they worked their rear ends off last year. We had some real close losses that were tough on the kids, but we finished the year 2-2 against the best teams in the league."

Northeast Louisiana lost the bulk of its offense, but it should be strong enough defensively to stay in the running. Defensive end James Fosston ran a 4.49 40-yard dash for pro scouts in May. The other end will be Clemson transfer Arthur Bussie, ranked by some as the second-best defensive end in the nation coming out of high school.

Idaho and Montana are the teams to watch in the Big Sky, although neither coach from

those schools will admit it. John L. Smith claims Idaho has the youngest team he remembers coaching in 22 years. He says Montana easily is the team to beat because it has the best offensive and defensive lines in the league, not to mention 13 starters back from a team that won its last five games. "We're going to be a bunch of babies," Smith said. "We'll all be lining up in diapers."

Montana coach Don Read thinks Idaho is the team to beat because it has most of its team back, including quarterback Doug Nussmeier. Last season's Player of the Year in the Big Sky, Nussmeier will be an advantage in a conference that prides itself on air warfare. Most of the other teams, including Montana, are looking for a quarterback. Smith isn't optimistic the league will have a contender for the national championship as it has in the past. "I think it's a young league," Smith said. "A lot of quarterbacks came out. Now it's a recycling period."

Northern Iowa, which finished third in the final poll a year ago and lost only once during the regular season, could rule the Gateway



Conference. Western Illinois, which finished second in the league in 1992, should be strong again as well.

In the Ivy League, Princeton has perhaps Division I-AA's best running back in Keith Elias. The 5-11, 195-pound senior is the country's top returning rusher and is among the favorites to win the Payton Award (I-AA's equivalent to the Heisman Trophy), which was won by Marshall's Michael Payton last fall. Elias had 1,575 yards and 18 touchdowns a year ago, averaging 157.5 yards per game.

Lehigh, Lafayette, and Holy Cross should be strong again in the Patriot League, as should Grambling in the Southwestern Athletic, South Carolina State, North Carolina A&T, and Delaware State in the Mid-Eastern, and Delaware and Villanova in the Yankee.

Whether those leagues and others will exist as they have in the future is the key question.

Final Records

Division I-A

	conference	overall				
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Atlantic Coast						
Florida St	8	0	0	11	1	0
North Carolina St	6	2	0	9	3	1
North Carolina	5	3	0	9	3	0
Wake Forest	4	4	0	8	4	0
Virginia	4	4	0	7	4	0
Georgia Tech	4	4	0	5	6	0
Clemson	3	5	0	5	6	0
Maryland	2	6	0	3	8	0
Duke	0	8	0	2	9	0
Big East						
Miami	4	0	0	11	1	0
Syracuse	6	1	0	10	2	0
Rutgers	4	2	0	7	4	0
Boston College	2	1	1	8	3	1
West Virginia	2	3	1	5	4	2
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	3	9	0
Virginia Tech	1	4	0	2	8	1
Temple	0	6	0	1	10	0
Big Eight						
Nebraska	6	1	0	9	3	0
Colorado	5	1	1	9	2	1
Kansas	4	3	0	8	4	0
Oklahoma	3	2	2	5	4	2
Oklahoma St	2	4	1	4	6	1
Kansas St	2	5	0	5	6	0
Iowa St	2	5	0	4	7	0
Missouri	2	5	0	3	8	0
Big Ten						
Michigan	6	0	2	9	0	3
Ohio St	5	2	1	8	3	1
Michigan St	5	3	0	5	6	0
Illinois	4	3	1	5	5	1
Iowa	4	4	0	5	7	0
Wisconsin	3	5	0	5	6	0
Purdue	3	5	0	4	7	0
Northwestern	3	5	0	3	8	0
Minnesota	2	6	0	2	9	0
Big West						
Nevada	5	1	0	7	5	0
San Jose St	4	2	0	7	4	0
Cal St. San Fran.	4	2	0	5	6	0
New Mexico St	3	3	0	6	5	0
Nevada Las Vegas	3	3	0	6	5	0
Pacific	2	4	0	3	8	0
Cal St. Fullerton	0	6	0	2	9	0
Mid-American						
Bowling Green	8	0	0	10	2	0
Western Michigan	6	3	0	7	3	1
Toledo	5	3	0	8	3	0
Akron	5	3	0	7	3	1
Miami, OH	5	3	0	6	4	1
Bal. St	5	4	0	5	6	0
Central Michigan	4	5	0	5	6	0
Kent	2	7	0	2	9	0
Eastern Michigan	1	7	0	1	10	0
Ohio	1	7	0	1	10	0
Pacific-10						
Washington	6	2	0	9	3	0
Saint Mary's	6	2	0	10	3	0
Washington St	5	3	0	9	3	0
Southern Cal	5	3	0	6	5	1
Arizona	4	3	1	6	5	1
Oregon	4	4	0	6	6	0
Arizona St	4	4	0	6	5	0
UCLA	3	5	0	6	5	0
California	2	6	0	4	7	0
Oregon St	0	7	1	1	9	1

Southeastern

East

Florida	6	2	0	9	4	0
Georgia	6	2	0	10	2	0
Tennessee	5	3	0	9	3	0
South Carolina	3	5	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	2	6	0	4	7	0
Kentucky	2	6	0	4	7	0

West

Alabama	8	0	0	13	0	0
Mississippi	5	3	0	9	3	0
Mississippi St.	4	4	0	7	5	0
Arkansas	3	4	1	3	7	1
Auburn	2	5	1	5	5	1
Louisiana St.	1	7	0	2	9	0

"Overall record includes first SEC championship game as Alabama defeated Florida 28-21 on December 5."

Southwest

Texas A&M	7	0	0	12	1	0
Bayou	4	3	0	7	5	0
Rice	4	3	0	6	5	0
Texas	4	3	0	6	5	0
Texas Tech	4	3	0	5	6	0
Southern Methodist	2	5	0	5	6	0
Houston	2	5	0	4	7	0
Texas Christian	1	6	0	2	8	1

Western Athletic

Hawaii	6	2	1	11	2	0
Brigham Young	6	2	0	8	5	0
Fresno St.	6	2	0	9	4	0
San Diego St.	5	3	0	5	5	1
Air Force	4	4	0	7	5	0
Jtah	4	4	0	6	6	0
Wyoming	3	5	0	5	7	0
Colorado St.	3	5	0	5	7	0
New Mexico	2	6	0	3	8	0
UTEP	1	7	0	1	10	0

Independents

Notre Dame	10	1	1			
Southern Miss.	7	4	0			
Penn St.		7	5	0		
Memphis St.		6	9	0		
Amy		5	6	0		
East Carolina		5	6	0		
Louisiana Tech		5	6	0		
Loyole		5	6	0		
Notre Dame		5	6	0		
Tulsa		4	7	0		
Cincinnati		3	8	0		
Arkansas St.		2	3	0		
Southwestern Louisiana		2	9	0		
U. S. Marine		2	9	0		
Navy		1	10	0		

Division I-AA

Big Sky

Idaho	6	1	0	9	3	0
Eastern Washington	6	1	0	7	5	0
Weber St.	4	3	0	6	5	0
Montana	4	3	0	6	5	0
Boise St.	3	4	0	5	6	0
Northern Arizona	2	5	0	4	7	0
Montana St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
Idaho St.	1	6	0	3	8	0

Gateway Collegiate Athletic

Northern Iowa	-	5	1	0	12	2
Western Mois.	4	2	0	7	4	0
SW Missouri St.	4	2	0	6	5	0
Illinois St.	2	4	0	5	6	0
Eastern Illinois	2	4	0	5	6	0
Southern Ill. St.	2	4	0	4	7	0
Indiana St.	2	4	0	4	7	0
Dartmouth	6	1	0	8	2	0
Penn State	6	1	0	8	2	0
Pennsylvania	5	2	0	7	3	0
Cornell	4	3	0	7	3	0
Harvard	3	4	0	3	7	0
Yale	2	5	0	4	6	0
Columbia	2	5	0	3	7	0
Brown	0	7	0	0	10	0

Ivy League

Dartmouth	6	1	0	8	2	0
Penn State	6	1	0	8	2	0
Pennsylvania	5	2	0	7	3	0
Cornell	4	3	0	7	3	0
Harvard	3	4	0	3	7	0
Yale	2	5	0	4	6	0
Columbia	2	5	0	3	7	0
Brown	0	7	0	0	10	0

Mid-Eastern Athletic

North Carolina A&T	5	1	0	9	3	0
Florida A&M	4	2	0	7	5	0
South Carolina St.	4	2	0	7	4	0
Howard	3	3	0	7	4	0
Delaware St.	3	3	0	6	5	0
Bethune Cookman	2	4	0	4	7	0
Morgan St.	0	6	0	2	9	0

Ohio Valley

Middle Tenn. St.	8	0	0	10	3	0
Eastern Kentucky	7	1	0	9	3	0
Tennessee Tech.	6	2	0	7	4	0
Tennessee St.	5	3	0	5	6	0
Morehead St.	3	5	0	3	8	0
Aubrey Peay	2	6	0	3	8	0
Jenn. Martin	2	6	0	3	8	0
SE Missouri St.	2	6	0	2	9	0
Murray St.	1	7	0	2	9	0

Patriot League

Alavette	5	0	0	8	3	0
Holy Cross	4	1	0	6	5	0
Cougat	2	3	0	4	7	0
Loyola	2	3	0	3	8	0
Bucknell	1	4	0	4	7	0
Fordham	1	4	0			

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Western St.	7	0	0	9	2	0
Fort Hays St.	6	1	0	6	5	0
Chadron St.	5	2	0	7	3	0
N.M. Highlands	4	3	0	7	3	1
Mesa St.	3	4	0	3	8	0
Colorado M nes	2	5	0	4	6	0
Adams St.	1	6	0	3	7	0
Fort Lewis	0	7	0	1	9	0

Mountain West

Gardner-Webb.	7	0	0	12	2	0
Carson-Newman	6	1	0	8	3	0
Eton	5	2	0	7	3	0
Catawba	3	4	0	4	6	0
Presbyterian	3	4	0	4	7	0
Lehigh-Rhine	2	5	0	5	5	0
Mars Hill	1	6	0	2	8	1
Wingate	1	6	0	1	9	0

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Fort Valley St.	■	1	0	7	4	0
Albany St. (GA)	5	1	1	6	3	1
Savannah St.	5	2	0	8	4	0
Morehouse	4	3	0	6	5	0
Clark Atlanta	3	4	0	5	5	0
Alabama A&M*	2	4	0	3	■	0
Tuskegee	2	4	1	3	6	1
Morris Brown	2	5	0	4	6	0
Mines*	0	6	0	0	10	0

*Not eligible for conference title. Did not play each other during season.

Western Football

Portland St.	3	1	0	5	4	0
Cal St. Sacramento	2	2	0	7	3	0
Southern Utah	2	2	0	6	5	0
Ca St. Northridge	2	2	0	5	5	0
Ca Poly SLO	1	3	0	4	5	1

Independents

New Haven	12	1	0			
Troy St.	10	1	0			
Michigan Tech	9	1	0			
Central Arkansas	8	1	1			
Nebraska-Kearney	7	3	0			
Shepherd	8	4	0			
Southern Connecticut St.	■	4	0			
St. Mary's (CA)	5	4	0			
Wayne St. (NE)	5	4	1			
Wofford	6	5	0			
Minnesota-Duluth	5	5	1			
Henderson St.	4	6	1			
American International	4	6	0			
Newberry	4	6	0			
Santa Clara	4	6	0			
Kentucky St.	4	7	0			
Springfield	3	5	0			
West Liberty St.	3	7	0			
Bemidji St.	2	8	0			
Winona St.	2	8	0			
Central Connecticut St.	1	7	1			
West Texas St.	1	9	0			
Northwood	0	9	0			

Division III**Association of Mideast Colleges**

Thomas More	3	0	0	9	2	0
Defiance	2	1	0	9	1	0
B. J.ton	1	2	0	1	8	0
Wilmington	0	3	0	2	8	0

Centennial

Dickinson	5	1	1	8	2	1
Swarthmore	4	2	1	5	3	1
Gettysburg	4	3	0	6	4	0
John Hopkins	4	3	0	6	4	0
Western Md.	4	3	0	5	5	0
Franklin & Marshal	3	4	0	5	5	0
Ursinus	2	5	0	4	6	0
Muhlenberg	1	6	0	1	8	1

College Conference of Illinois

Illinois Wesleyan	7	0	0	10	1	0
Augustana	6	1	0	6	3	0
Wheaton	5	2	0	6	3	0
Millikin	4	3	0	4	5	0
Elmhurst	2	4	1	2	6	1
North Park	1	4	2	1	6	2
North Central	1	5	1	1	7	1
Carthage	0	7	0	0	9	0

Eastern Collegiate

Bentley	6	0	0	9	1	0
N. Chas	4	1	1	7	1	1
Stonehill	4	1	1	6	2	1
Assumption	3	3	0	5	5	0
W. New England	1	5	0	4	6	0
Curry	1	5	0	2	6	0
MT	1	5	0	1	7	0

Freedom

Worcester Tech	5	0	0	9	2	0
Merchant Marine	4	1	0	8	1	1
Plymouth St.	4	1	1	4	4	1
Mass Lowell	2	3	1	4	4	1
Stony Brook	2	3	0	5	5	0
Norwich	2	4	0	3	6	0
Western Conn. St.	2	4	0	2	8	0
Coast Guard	1	6	0	1	8	0

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Wabash	5	0	1	6	2	1
Manover	4	2	0	6	4	0
DePauw	3	1	2	4	4	2
Anderson	3	3	0	5	5	0
Manchester	2	4	0	5	5	0
Rose-Hulman	2	4	0	4	6	0
Franklin	0	5	1	0	9	1

Loyalty

Wagner	5	0	0	9	2	0
St. John's (NY)	3	2	0	5	5	0
LIU-C W Post	2	2	1	6	3	1
Marist	2	2	1	4	5	1
ona	2	3	0	5	5	0
Pace	0	5	0	1	9	0

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Albion	5	0	0	8	1	0
Hope	4	1	0	6	3	0
Olivet	2	3	0	2	6	1
Adrian	2	3	0	2	7	0
Alma	1	4	0	3	6	0
Kalamazoo	1	4	0	3	6	0

Middle Atlantic States

Collegiate Athletic	Lycoming	7	0	1	8	1
Susquehanna	7	1	0	9	1	0
Lebanon Valley	5	3	0	7	3	0
Moravian	4	4	0	■	4	0
Wilkes	3	4	1	■	4	1
Juniata	3	4	1	3	6	1
Widener	3	4	1	3	6	1
Delaware Valley	2	6	0	3	7	0
Albright	0	8	0	0	10	0

Midwest Collegiate Athletic

North Division	Beloit	4	1	0	6	4
Carroll (WI)	4	1	0	8	1	0
St. Norbert	3	2	0	4	5	0
Ripon	2	3	0	5	4	0
Lake Forest	1	4	0	3	6	0
Lawrence	1	4	0	2	7	0
South Division	Cornell College	5	0	0	10	0
Coe	4	1	0	8	1	0
Monmouth (IL)	3	2	0	5	4	0
Illinois Col.	2	3	0	5	4	0
Knox	1	4	0	2	7	0
Ghinnell	0	5	0	0	9	0

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

Carelton	8	1	0	9	2	0
St. John's	7	1	1	8	1	1
Concordia-Moorhead	6	2	1	7	2	1
Hamline	5	4	0	6	4	0
Bethel	5	4	0	5	5	0
Gust Adolphus	4	5	0	4	6	0
St. Olaf	4	5	0	4	6	0
St. Thomas	3	6	0	3	7	0
Augsburg	2	7	0	3	7	0
Macalester	0	9	0	0	10	0

New England

Bridgewater (MA)	8	0	0	9	1	1
Mass Maritime	6	2	0	6	3	0
Westfield St.	5	3	0			

Junior College Report

by TONY JIMINEZ

During his only season as an assistant coach at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College, Mike Loyd thought he had a good handle on the mystique of the program. He felt that he knew why it's in a football world of its own. Then the Norsemen won their sixth national junior college athletic championship in 1991. Loyd's first season as the head coach, and his feeling was punctuated loudly and clearly by telephone calls from players inquiring about coming to A&M.

Nine months and some 700 calls later, 183 players from every state in the U.S. and from Wales, Canada, and Belgium showed up for the team's first practice in August of 1992. "It was incredible," said Loyd. "If I could give one reason why we've been so good so long, it would simply be because of good players. The bottom line is the players we've had."

Recruiting juco players to four-year schools—notably NEO A&M—has become routine, according to talent scout Hank Ives of J.C. Grid Wire, who has seen his list of clients jump from 50 in 1990 to 350 in 1993. "Juco players are having more of an impact than ever before," said Ives.

Tucked hard in the northeastern corner of the state, no more than 30 minutes from Arkansas, Kansas, or Missouri, Miami of Oklahoma, home of the A&M Norsemen, will never be mistaken for Miami of Florida. There are no palm trees, no sandy beaches, and no bustling traffic. It's small-town-life deluxe.

One of the few bonds the two Miamis share, however, are big-time programs in their respective ranks. The smaller Miami, population 13,500, has amassed achievements, most notably its high rate of walk-ons and its impressive list of alumni, unique at the juco level. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M was the nation's No. 1 junior college team of the 1980s and '90s, according to an NJCAA poll. The Norsemen were No. 4 in the final 1992 poll and as sure as Miami of Florida will be a top 10 team again in the major college ranks, Miami of Oklahoma will be a top 10 J.C. team.

"It's the only game in town," explained Ives. "It's their Rams, Raiders, or Jets. It's the world to the town."

"They turn down more players than some schools sign," said Coffeyville, Kansas coach Skip Foster. "There's no question they could play with some NCAA Division I-AA schools."

Coffeyville and the 151 other junior colleges (72 in California) may get their foot in the door when recruiting prize prospects, but in many instances players are knocking at NEO A&M's door. Ernest Givins of the Houston Oilers walked on. So did former pros James Wilder and Matt Blair. LeShon Johnson of Northern Illinois, the No. 8 rusher at the NCAA Division I level last season, once wore the blue and gold. About 110 players walked on in the past two seasons. Marion Butts of the San Diego Chargers and Scott Case of the Atlanta Falcons weren't walk-ons, but they are former Norsemen. So are tailback Vaughn Dunbar, a

first-round NFL draft pick from the University of Indiana by New Orleans, and defensive end Chuck Smith, a second-round choice from Tennessee by Atlanta, two stars of the late 1980s. Butts, Bobby Wilson of Washington, and Nate Lewis of San Diego were the best of the 1986 team.

There were 33 sophomores on last season's roster and all but two—who quit the team—earned scholarships at four year schools, 18 at NCAA Division I institutions. The pride of that team, cornerback Carl Kidd, a Dale Carter-type player, and offensive lineman Pat Baker, remarkable because he started 20 of 20 games in two years at NEO A&M, are at Arkansas. Two years ago, 30 of 34 sophomores on the NJCAA title squad earned free rides, 22 to Division I schools.

Loyd says his biggest problem is finding schools which will play his team. Because Northeastern Oklahoma A&M is an independent able to offer an unlimited number of full scholarships and the only juco which fields a team in Oklahoma, its schedule last year included trips to Texas, Tennessee, and Georgia. In 1991, NEO A&M went to Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Georgia, Michigan, and California. Eight of 11 games will be on the road this fall. Home or away, the Norsemen don't lose. They haven't had a losing season since 1931.

"Realistically no other junior college should be able to compete with them," said Dick Foster, Oklahoma's director of recruiting. "They are the measuring stick in juco football. A school can figure out real fast how good it is by playing them."

TOP JUCOS MOVING ON

Player	pos.	ht.	wt.	junior-college	college
Eric Altord	WR	6-3	205	Garden City, KS	Nebraska
Pat Baker	OL	6-3	300	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Arkansas
Joe Carollo	OL	6-3	275	Sacramento CA	Oklahoma
Anthony Comer	RB	5-10	200	Nassau, NY	Boston College
Marcellus Crishon	RB	5-8	165	Saddleback CA	Nevada Reno
Brian Easter	LB	6-2	235	Glendale AZ	Arizona State
Mike Fiumaono	DL	6-5	260	San Bernardino CA	BYU
Jason Glick	TE	6-6	236	Sequoias CA	Michigan St.
Costello Good	RB	6-2	215	Butler County KS	Kansas
Bryan Hand	OL	6-4	294	Orange Coast CA	Arizona
Mark Harris	WR	6-4	190	Ricks ID	Stanford
Andre Jones	DB	6-0	180	Snow UT	Minnesota
Carl Kidd	CB	6-2	197	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Arkansas
Mitch Menges	OL	6-4	290	Dodge City, KS	Texas El Paso
Jesse Palacios	OL	6-6	300	Navarro, TX	SE Oklahoma
Latario Rachal	WR	5-10	170	El Camino CA	California
Matt Storm	DL	6-6	275	Walla Walla, WA	Georgia
Ken Talanoa	DL	6-5	270	El Camino CA	Arizona St.
Orlando Walker	DL	6-3	265	Garden City, KS	Oklahoma St.
Wade Wellauer	QB	6-4	215	Ellsworth IA	Colorado State

ALL-JUCO NFL TEAM

Offense	junior-college	nil team
QB Warren Moon	West LA CA	Houston
RB Marion Butts	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	San Diego
RB Robert Delpino	Dodge City, KS	Denver
OL Ron Hainstrom	Iowa Central	Green Bay
OL Gerald Perry	Northwest Mississippi	L.A. Raiders
OL Mike Baab	Austin, MN	Kansas City
OL Brian Baldinger	Nassau NY	Philadelphia
OL Max Montoya	Mt. San Antonio, CA	L.A. Raiders
TE Don Warren	Mt. San Antonio, CA	Washington
WR Anthony Miller	Pasadena, CA	San Diego
WR Ernest Givins	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Houston
Defense		
DL Greg Townsend	Long Beach CA	L.A. Raiders
DL Cortez Kennedy	Northwest Mississippi	Seattle
DL Mike Piel	Saddleback CA	L.A. Rams
DL Skip McClendon	Buller County KS	Indianapolis
LB Brian Noble	Fullerton CA	Green Bay
LB Ken Harvey	San Mateo, CA	Phoenix
LB Andre Tippett	Ellsworth, IA	New England
DB Scott Case	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Atlanta
DB Alton Montgomery	Northwest Mississippi	Atlanta
DB Maurice Douglass	Coffeyville, KS	Chicago
DB Alvin Walton	Mt. San Jacinto, CA	Washington

1992 College Football Recap

Division III Playoffs

First Round

Mount Union 27	Dayton 10
Illinois Wesleyan 21	Aurora 12
Central (IA) 20	Carelton 8
Wisconsin-La Crosse 47	Redlands 26
Emory & Henry 17	Thomas More 0
Washington & Jefferson 33	Lycoming 0
Rowan 41	Worcester Tech 14
Buffalo St. 28	Ilhaea 26

Quarterfinals

Washington-La Crosse 34	Central 9
Washington & Jefferson 51	Emory & Henry 15
Mount Union 49	Illinois Wesleyan 27
Rowan 28	Buffalo St. 19

Semifinals

Washington & Jefferson 18	Rowan 13
Wisconsin-La Crosse 29	Mount Union 24
Championship—Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl	
Wisconsin-La Crosse 16	Washington & Jefferson 12

NAIA Division I Playoffs

First Round

Gardner-Webb (NC) 28	Concord (WV) 21
Shepherd (WV) 6	Carson-Newman (TN) 3
Central St. (OH) 34	Harding (AR) 0
Central Arkansas 14	Southwestern Oklahoma 2

Semifinals

Gardner-Webb 22	Shepherd 7
Central St. 30	Central Arkansas 23
Championship	
Central St. 19	Gardner-Webb 16

NAIA Division II Playoffs

First Round

Baker (KS) 21	Northwestern (IA) 20
Benedictine (KS) 17	Hastings (NE) 15
Westminster (PA) 28	Friends (KS) 0
Hardin-Simmons (TX) 42	Howard Payne (TX) 28
Minot St. (ND) 31	Dakota Wesleyan 21
Linnfield (OR) 26	Western Washington 0
Pacific Lutheran 37	Montana Tech 0
Findlay (OH) 32	Georgetown (KY) 14

Quarterfinals

Benedictine 21	Baker 17
Findlay 13	Westminster 7
Linnfield 44	Pacific Lutheran 30
Minot St. 21	Hardin-Simmons 14

Semifinals

Findlay 27	Benedictine 24
Linnfield 47	Minot St. 12

Championship

Findlay 26	Linnfield 13
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Final Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS

rank	school	record	points
1	Alabama (62)	13-0-0	1550
2	Florida State	11-1-0	1470
3	Miami (Fla.)	11-1-0	1411
4	Notre Dame	10-1-1	1375
5	Michigan	9-0-3	1266
6	Syracuse	10-2-0	1209
7	Texas A&M	12-1-0	1167
8	Georgia	10-2-0	1158
9	Stanford	10-3-0	1058
10	Florida	9-4-0	931
11	Washington	8-3-0	892
12	Tennessee	9-3-1	819
13	Colorado	9-2-1	818
14	Neb.aska	9-3-0	771
15	Washington State	9-3-0	618
16	Mississippi	8-3-0	583
17	North Carolina St.	9-3-1	582
18	Ohio State	8-3-1	493
19	North Carolina	9-3-0	491
20	Hawaii	11-2-0	354
21	Boston College	8-3-1	314
22	Kansas	8-4-0	183
23	Mississippi State	7-5-0	187
24	Fresno State	9-4-0	107
25	Wake Forest	8-4-0	107

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

rank	school	rec	int	pts/rkts
1	Alabama (73)	13	0-0	1825
2	Florida State	11	1-0	1726
3	Miami (Fla.)	11	1-0	1699
4	Notre Dame	10	1-0	1638
5	Michigan	9	0-1	1553
6	Syracuse	10	2-0	973
7	Texas A&M	12	1-0	1387
8	Georgia	9	2-0	1333
9	Stanford	9	3-0	1251
10	Florida	9	4-0	1087
11	Washington	9	3-0	1003
12	Tennessee	9	3-1	957
13	Colorado	9	2-1	948
14	Nebraska	9	3-0	896
15	Washington State	9	3-1	733
16	Mississippi	9	3-1	668
17	North Carolina St.	9	3-1	650
18	North Carolina	9	3-1	643
19	Ohio State	8	3-1	611
20	Hawaii	11	2-0	384
21	Boston College	8	3-1	350
22	Kansas	8	4-0	236
23	Fresno State	9	4-0	196
24	Penn State	7	5-0	172
25	Mississippi State	7	5-0	149

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rank	school	record	points
1	Alabama (60)	13-0-0	500
2	Florida State	11-1-0	1422
3	Miami (Fla.)	11-1-0	1356
4	Notre Dame	10-1-1	1327
5	Michigan	9-0-3	1231
6	Syracuse	10-2-0	1135
7	Texas A&M	12-1-0	1149
8	Georgia	10-2-0	1134
9	Stanford	10-3-0	982
10	Washington	9-3-0	846
11	Florida	9-4-0	845
12	Tennessee	9-3-0	818
13	Colorado	9-2-1	806
14	Nebraska	9-3-0	749
15	North Carolina St.	9-3-1	572
16	Mississippi	9-3-0	538
17	Washington State	9-3-0	495
18	North Carolina	9-3-0	450
19	Ohio State	8-3-1	426
20	Hawai	11-2-0	424
21	Boston College	9-3-1	303
22	Fresno State	9-4-0	243
23	Kansas	8-4-0	201
24	Penn State	7-5-0	136
25	Wake Forest	8-4-0	126

Bowl Games

LAS VEGAS Bowling Green 35 / Nevada 34

ALOHA Kansas 23 / Brigham Young 20

COPPER Washington St. 31 / Utah 28

FREEDOM Fresno St. 24 / Southern Cal 7

HOLIDAY Hawaii 27 / Illinois 17

INDEPENDENCE Wake Forest 39 / Oregon 35

JOHN HANCOCK Baylor 20 / Arizona 15

GATOR Florida 27 / North Carolina St. 10

LIBERTY Mississippi, 13 / Air Force 0

HALL OF FAME Tennessee 38 / Boston College 23

FLORIDA CITRUS Georgia 21 / Ohio St. 14

COTTON Notre Dame 28 / Texas A&M 3

BLOCKBUSTER Stanford 24 / Penn St. 3

PISTA Syracuse 26 / Colorado 22

ROSE Michigan 38 / Washington 31

ORANGE Florida St. 27 / Nebraska 14

SUGAR Alabama 34 / Miami 13

PEACH North Carolina 21 / Mississippi St. 17

HERITAGE Grambling 45 / Florida A&M 15

Division I-AA Playoffs

First Round

Northeast Louisiana 78	Acorn St. 27
Delaware 56	Samford 21
Middle Tennessee St. 35	Appalachian St. 10
Marshall 44	Eastern Kentucky 0
Otterbein 44	North Carolina A&T 0
Youngstown St. 23	Villanova 20
Northern Iowa 17	Eastern Washington 14
McNeese St. 23	Idaho 20

Quarterfinals

De Areava 41	Northeast Louisiana 18
Marshall 135	Middle Tennessee St. 21
Youngstown St. 42	Otterbein 17
Northern Iowa 29	McNeese St. 7

Semifinals

Marshall 28	Delaware 7
Youngstown St. 19	Northern Iowa 7

Championship

Marshall 31	Youngstown St. 28
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Division II Playoffs

First Round

Ferris St. 19	Edinboro 15
New Haven 38	West Chester 26
Jacksonville St. 41	Savannah St. 16
North Alabama 33	Hampton 21
Texas A&I 22	Western St. 13
Portland St. 42	J.C. Davis 28
Pittsburg St. 26	North Dakota 21
North Dakota St. 42	Northeast Missouri St. 7

Quarterfinals

Pittsburg St. 38	North Dakota St. 37 (OT)
Jacksonville St. 41	North Alabama 12
New Haven 35	Ferris St. 13
Portland St. 35	Texas A&I 30

Semifinals

Pittsburg St. 41	Portland St. 38
Jacksonville St. 46	New Haven 35

Championship

Jacksonville St. 17	Pittsburg St. 13
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FINAL DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player	Team	Passes	Att.	Yds	TDs	Ints	Rate	Yds	TDs	Ints	Rate	Yds	TDs	Ints	Rate
Eric Crouch, Michigan	SP	9	69	12	66	2	7%	46	6	6	15	88	2	2	87.9
Mark Brunell, Texas A&M	JR	11	242	45	60	13	5%	239	9	49	14	5.79	43.2	43.2	43.2
Ryan Hancock, Brigham Young	SO	9	288	165	57	29	13	4.51	2635	9.15	17	5.90	144.6	144.6	144.6
Bert Emanuele, Rice	JR	11	179	94	52	51	6	3.35	1558	8.70	11	6.15	139.2	139.2	139.2
Kordell Stewart, Colorado	SO	9	252	151	59	92	9	3.57	2109	8.37	12	4.78	138.8	138.8	138.8
Eric Zeier, Georgia	SO	11	258	15	58	57	12	4.65	2248	8.71	2	4.65	137.9	137.9	137.9
Jimmy Kingler, Houston	SO	11	504	303	60	12	18	3.97	3818	7.58	32	6.35	137.8	137.8	137.8
Bobby Goodman, Virginia	SR	11	232	130	56	63	12	5.17	1707	7.36	21	9.05	137.4	137.4	137.4
Joe Youngblood, Central Michigan	SR	11	278	161	57	91	13	4.68	2209	7.95	18	6.47	136.7	136.7	136.7
Trent Dilfer, Fresno St.	SO	12	221	174	57	57	14	4.21	2826	8.44	2	6.04	135.9	135.9	135.9
Ray Ray	SR	9	86	46	4	6	1	1.76	765	9.34	14	7.41	135.7	135.7	135.7
Glenn Foley, Boston College	JR	11	265	146	55	59	12	4.53	2231	8.42	15	5.66	135.4	135.4	135.4
Steve Matthews, Memphis St.	JR	11	266	175	57	9	12	4.20	2084	7.29	8	6.29	134.8	134.8	134.8
Richie Incognito, Penn St.	SR	11	234	12	51	28	6	2.55	186	9.02	5	6.31	134.7	134.7	134.7
Terry Jordan, North Carolina St.	SR	12	256	164	64	66	8	3.13	1963	7.67	9	3.52	133.8	133.8	133.8
Craig Renteria, Arizona St.	FN	10	725	49	76	22	7	4.97	197	7.54	8	3.56	133.7	133.7	133.7
Heath Shuler, Arizona State	JR	10	224	119	59	4	4	2.79	172	7.64	10	4.46	133.4	133.4	133.4
Art van Pelt, Pitt, Class of '90	SR	12	407	265	61	12	17	4.0	3163	7.77	20	4.8	133.3	133.3	133.3
Chris Turella, Miami	SR	1	402	228	56	70	7	1.4	460	7.6	7	4.73	132.8	132.8	132.8
Jeff Daniels, Northwestern	SR	11	266	181	63	29	9	3.18	2110	7.38	11	3.85	131.7	131.7	131.7
Jeff Hardy, Missouri	SO	10	329	196	59	57	8	2.43	2463	7.49	13	3.95	130.6	130.6	130.6
Cale Gundy, Oklahoma	JR	9	227	131	57	71	15	6.61	1914	8.43	10	4.41	129.9	129.9	129.9
Rob Johnson, Southern Cal	SO	11	267	156	59	41	11	4.2	2023	7.58	12	4.41	128.7	128.7	128.7
Eric Decker, Cornell	SR	9	312	88	51	32	10	1.7	269	7.46	14	4.35	128.3	128.3	128.3
Charles Price, New Mexico St.	SR	1	329	189	54	15	5	3.1	258	7.99	16	4.58	127.8	127.8	127.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	Team	rushing				passing				total offense					
		attempts	carries	gains	losses	net	attempts	pass	ydls	tds	attempts	ydls	tds	attempts	ydls
Jimmy K. Young, U. of SD	SO	40	34	44	57	72	32	542	1768	6.93	32	4.45	130.5	130.5	130.5
Mike Koenig, M. I.	JR	96	70	46	25	41	12	362	1472	9.22	22	5.64	129.4	129.4	129.4
Ryan Hurdock, Brigham Young	SC	32	73	129	49	178	86	347	1586	8.06	17	2.67	127.3	127.3	127.3
Charlie Ward, Florida St.	JR	100	648	144	504	365	2647	465	3151	6.78	28	266.45	126.45	126.45	126.45
Gino Torretta, Miami	SR	34	95	119	24	102	402	3060	436	3036	6.96	19	276.00	126.00	126.00
Shane Neagle, Florida	SR	77	62	97	29	67	775	536	2176	5.33	25	264.67	124.67	124.67	124.67
Frank Dooley, Utah	SR	80	161	156	5	322	2369	382	2374	6.21	22	263.78	123.78	123.78	123.78
Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh	SR	27	102	102	3	477	7163	474	3163	7.29	20	263.58	123.58	123.58	123.58
John Randle, Washington St.	JR	78	192	146	5	356	770	464	277	5.86	22	247.00	122.00	122.00	122.00
Trent Dilfer, Fresno St.	SO	73	280	198	82	331	2828	404	2910	7.20	22	242.50	121.50	121.50	121.50
Michael Andretti, East Carolina	SO	43	50	135	77	109	1496	147	516	5.42	22	242.40	121.40	121.40	121.40
Jeff Garcia, San Jose St.	JR	94	411	188	223	371	2418	465	2641	5.68	22	240.09	120.09	120.09	120.09
Eric Dierden, Army, West Point	SR	63	112	269	57	749	2785	476	763	6.39	19	239.18	120.18	120.18	120.18
Allan McNamara, M. I.	SO	23	38	10	32	246	162	246	2.49	7	14	238.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Joe Hughes, Wyoming	JR	113	367	230	137	373	2706	488	2843	5.85	21	236.92	120.92	120.92	120.92
T. G. F. C., JR.	JR	65	281	127	94	162	244	425	1578	6.37	20	234.36	120.36	120.36	120.36
David Lowery, San Diego St.	JR	47	71	142	71	366	2632	473	2561	6.20	21	232.82	120.82	120.82	120.82
Sammy Taggart, New Mexico	JR	14	51	41	10	248	259	422	2559	6.06	22	232.64	120.64	120.64	120.64
Kordell Stewart, Colorado	SO	60	206	224	-18	252	2109	312	2091	6.70	13	232.33	120.33	120.33	120.33
Marquel Fleetwood, Minnesota	SR	116	562	243	319	385	2168	501	2487	4.98	12	226.09	119.09	119.09	119.09
Erik White, Bowling Green	SR	67	234	147	87	344	2380	411	2467	6.00	19	224.27	118.27	118.27	118.27
Peter Gardner, Texas	SR	101	366	277	88	329	2364	430	2452	5.70	20	222.91	117.91	117.91	117.91
Brad Tayles, Western Michigan	SR	68	190	202	73	376	2462	444	2450	5.52	18	222.73	116.73	116.73	116.73
Mark Lutzenkirchen, U. of T.	JR	113	416	33	132	342	1356	254	2429	6.64	9	220.82	115.82	115.82	115.82
Cale Gundy, Oklahoma	JR	47	132	158	-26	227	1914	274	1888	6.89	12	209.78	114.78	114.78	114.78

*Touchdowns responsible for

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

Player	Team	g	at	ASR	REC	PR	TDs	yds	yds pg	plays	yds pl
Patricia Hernandez, U. of SD	SR	11	1441	434	98	626	2597	2359	309	321	8.09
John M. Jackson, Florida	SO	12	9	475	47	132	2	175	259	819	8.19
Mike Fults, Florida	SC	11	632	29	1	0	1	58	175.20	83	6.2
Donovan Williams, Florida	SR	9	1	1547	14	39	9	9.0	184	252	7.58
Henry Barber, UCF	SO	11	15	852	13	3	8	8.7	177.18	102	7.46
D.J. M. Johnson, Florida St.	SR	11	37	777	48	323	6	66.45	114.16	116	6.76
Charles Winters, Florida	SR	11	38	74	24	652	77	60.56	149.16	117	6.06
Wynne Whitehead, Michigan	SO	10	1122	141	0	260	1523	152.30	192	7.93	7.93
Darney Scott, San Diego St.	SO	11	20	1150	0	499	1669	151.73	93	97.95	97.95
Trevor Clegg, Rice	SR	11	1386	283	0	0	1688	151.73	301	5.54	5.54
Mike F. Clegg, U. of T.	JR	11	22	55	26	71	152	147.82	111	14.65	14.65
Eric Decker, Cornell	JR	11	248	227	45	1564	142.16	168	4.48	4.48	4.48
Don Johnson, Stanford	JR	11	652	14	0	794	590	14.42	64	9.51	9.51
Charles Johnson, Florida	JR	11	1547	6	0	237	555	141.78	336	4.62	4.62
Shawn Robinson, Florida St.	SR	12	134	166	0	496	676	149.67	228	7.35	7.35
Deon Parker, Florida	JR	11	27	263	1	352	512	19.27	0	9.29	9.29
Mark D. Johnson, Florida	JR	11	1659	9	1	77	503	19.54	268	6.1	6.1
Deon Parker, Florida	JR	11	22	152	77	275	12.9	5.44	173	7.3	7.3
Andre Dawson, Georgia	JR	11	22	860	294	284	1474	174.02	0	41.17	41.17
Brian Lewis, Georgia	JR	11	4	14	272	63	145	14.97	1.4	2.73	2.73
Eric Johnson, Michigan	SR	11	145	47	163	92	1450	14.82	99	7.29	7.29
David Edwards, Oregon St.	JR	11	9	345	115	7	60	129.04	141	5.13	5.13
Reggie Brooks, Notre Dame	SR	11	343	24	0	79	1406	127.52	171	8.22	8.22

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

Player	Team	c	d	gf	ysd	id	cpg
Shelton Smart, Houston	JR	11	103	923	6	9.36	
Bryan Reeves, Nevada	JR	11	81	1114	10	7.36	
Aaron Turner, Pacific	SR	11	79	1171	11	7.18	

MANUFACTURER

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1 per game)	ct	no	yds	td	avg
Lee Gissendaner Northwestern	JR	15	327	1	21.80
James McMillion Iowa St.	JR	23	435	3	18.91
Glyn Milburn Stanford	SR	31	573	3	18.48
Jimmy Moulton Houston	SR	18	278	1	15.44
Corey Sawyer Florida St	SD	33	498	4	14.70
Henry Bailey UNLV	SJ	5	175	1	35.00
Napoleon Kaufman Washington	SD	19	269	0	14.16
Marc Baxter Temple	FR	12	167	0	13.92
DeMark Alexander Michigan	SR	25	442	1	17.2
Ugo McDufie Puerto Rico	SR	30	398	0	13.27
Craig Thompson Eastern Mich	JR	15	193	0	12.87
Ed V. Walker NC State	JR	17	24	0	13.79
Jeff Brothers Vanderbilt	JR	26	246	1	23.0
Donald Ayres Rice	SR	21	161	0	13.38
No. 1 Letcher Eas. Kentucky	JR	22	263	0	14.5
Ezell Brown New Mexico	SR	14	67	0	4.79
Courtney Burton Ohio	JR	24	283	0	11.79
Darrell French Swan	SR	26	375	1	14.77
Oswayne Owens Oregon St	SR	18	211	1	11.72
Den F. Gaines Colorado	SR	42	49	0	1.17

PUNTING

<u>Mu</u>	<u>16 per centile</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>44.9</u>	<u>2</u>
EJ Brem	7.2	SR	51	45.86	2
Much Bunting	Crinodre	IR	51	47.37	1
Baird	Alv.	IR	47	46.76	4
Sear Sylvi	Alv. & St	IR	48	46.46	1*
Alt Bellator	Albiventer	IR	48	44.46	1
Jaso Euri	Towian	IR	49	44.47	2
Troch Thru	Alv. Nes. rugina	40	53	44.66	11
Per. Lugu	Alv. M. m.	SC	45	44.74	149
Dend. Corv	Turdus & ARI	SR	77	4	2
Tour. Indica	Melanopt. St	IR	53	4	1
Terps Indica	Akem	SC	61	4	2
Musc. Stigge	Al. nebulosa	SR	51	4	2
Alb. Alata	Al. nubecula	IR	65	43	1
Mer. Tringoid	Zosterops fuscatus	IR	66	43	2
Lag. Myi	Spio. In & St	IR	54	41.80	1
Just. Minu	Acrocephalus	SA	73	45.60	1
Tany. Dami	Act. n.	SO	66	47	1
Chris. Nonnac	Calidris	SR	60	42.82	11
Robert King	Texas Tech	IR	53	42.47	11
Tommy Thompson	Oregon	IR	54	42.13	11

FIELD GOALS

	C	G	Yds	Td	Int	Pts	Yds
Joe Armstrong, Memphis St.	0	1	15	1	1	30	10
Scott Elbridge, Auburn	SO	11	28	22	788	200	
Nelson Welch, Clemson	SO	11	28	22	786	200	
R. Thompson, Wisconsin	SR	**	72	22	688	207	
Alvin Hunt, Texas	SR	1	29	1	0	20	
Timmy Thompson, Oregon	SR	1	3	0	0	0	
Eric Lange, Tulsa	SR	11	23	19	826	173	
Mark Strans, Georgia Tech	SR	11	24	16	792	167	
John W. Hall, St. Louis	SR	24	0	0	0	0	
Carl Johnson, NC St.	SR	1	6	8	810	150	
Michael Proctor, Alabama	FR	12	27	19	704	150	
Toussaint, The Alamo	SR	1	45	1	0	80	
Art Probst, Simpson	SR	1	43	0	0	80	
Mike O'Leary, UNI	SR	1	3	0	76,3	150	

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 12 per game)	cl	no	ysds	td	avg
Fred Hartung New Mexico St	SR	14	457	0	32.7
Leroy Gollman Duke	SR	14	433	30	30.9
Jeff Johnson Temple	SR	20	600	2	30.0
Ch. Engleby, Jr., asst.	SR	15	3	0	1.0
Bru. Breslow Dixie	SR	7	4, 8	0	29.2
Craig Thompson Eastern Mich.	JF	18	490	1	21.1
Napier Bank, Jr. Edinboro	JF	14	770	0	55.0
James Davis, Minnesota	SR	29	755	1	26.0
Courtney Butler Jmu	JF	21	545	1	25.9
Eric Redmon Louisiana Tech	SO	12	310	0	25.8
Levi Painter, Wm. & Mary	JF	6	342	0	57.0
David Buller Louisiana St.	FR	21	531	0	25.3
Frank Adams Small, Arizona	JF	15	770	2	38.5
Curtis Young Southern Cal.	JF	26	654	0	25.6
Ron Dickerson Arkansas	SR	20	497	0	24.9
Toiv Jackson, Jr. U. of T.	JF	10	794	1	34.9
Tony Jarrett Miss. Sipi St.	JF	8	138	0	17.2
Frank W. SML	JB	2	50	0	25.0
Terry Kennedy Virginia Tech	CR	6	86	0	14.0
Henry Bailey JMU	SO	14	47	0	32.9

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	pts pg
Nebraska	11	618	3610	5.8	40	328.2
Hawaii	12	630	3519	5.6	32	293.3
Notre Dame	11	565	3080	5.6	34	200.9
Army	11	667	2934	4.4	23	266.7
Michigan	11	531	2900	5.5	26	264.5
U. S.	11	584	2725	4.7	2	27.7
Air Force	11	610	2665	4.4	26	242.3
Baylor	11	570	2641	4.6	24	240.1
U. T. S. C.	10	574	2601	4.6	26	240.0
Georgia	11	458	2584	5.6	28	234.9
Eastern Ill. U.	4	519	2559	4.7	26	222.5
Kansas	1					
W. Va. & W.	1	534	2500	4.7	2	24.7
Tennessee	1	571	2450	4.3	12	20.9
F. W. & W.	1					
Oregon St.	11	620	2452	4.0	20	222.9
U. of N. I.	1	594	2450	4.1	22	222.3
Vanderbilt	11	578	2435	4.2	21	221.4

RUSHING DEFENSE

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Y	W	L	T	GP	Y	W	L	T	GP
Florida St.	1	8	3	1	12	1	4	2	1	12
Notre Dame	12	66	33	12	52	1	45	20	10	52
Maryland	11	508	5174	64	52	470	36	11	11	52
Michigan	11	945	5131	54	37	466	45	11	11	37
Pittsburgh	12	919	5429	59	35	452	35	12	12	35
Georgia	12	770	4954	48	41	491	37	12	12	41
Miami	11	838	4801	57	41	436	42	11	11	41
Tennessee	11	824	4632	56	36	421	30	11	11	36
Utah	11	834	4576	55	33	415	28	11	11	33

TOTAL DEFENSE

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin game
	fun	int	total	fun	int	total	
Nebraska	14	16	30	5	7	12	+64
Akron	10	24	34	7	11	18	+45
Miami	11	18	29	6	7	13	+45
Alabama	15	22	37	10	10	20	+42
Tennessee	4	1	5	1	1	2	+37
Southern Miss	11	19	30	6	10	16	+127
Rice	12	18	30	8	8	16	+127
Waco State	15	14	29	7	9	16	+109
Arizona	10	14	24	2	3	5	+98
Ohio St.	4	10	24	4	6	10	+100
Arkansas	7	7	14	7	7	14	+91
MSU	26	4	30	18	1	19	+82
St. Louis U.	7	7	14	1	1	2	+80
UCLA	14	7	21	7	2	9	+55
Texas A&M	10	18	28	12	5	17	+75

PASSING OFFENSE

	<i>g</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>WPS pg</i>
H. <i>lutea</i>		619	368	24	59.6	4478	7.2	38	4071	
Maryland	11	514	304	23	58.1	3620	7.1	10	329.6	
Mass.	11	457	259	7	56.7	3478	7.8	23	316.0	
		43	768	4	53.3	31.8	6.7	23	305.5	
		135	277	4	48.8	57.5	8.6	2	279.7	
		106	1	2	58.9	2.7	8.2	2	297.4	
		44	58	1	58.4	42.1	7	3	290.0	
		2	68	1	58.6	3483	7.7	21	290.3	
		70	297	1	57	3446	6.8	25	286.7	
E. <i>lutea</i>	1	34	2	27	47.4	3085	6.2	27	280.5	
		1	470	27	55.4	2681	7.3	20	277.5	
		44	32	14	57.1	2284	6.8	16	27.3	
		45	251	1	54.4	2892	7.4	16	26.0	
		47	7	2	55.0	2879	7	4	261.6	
C.		56	1	7	55.3	2828	7.3	23	257	
F.		46	84	14	52	2666	8.9	23	255.5	
T.		44	244	19	55.6	2665	7	17	255.4	
N.W.T.	1	249	89	15	54.2	2584	6.0	16	253.	
		42	37	14	56.3	2586	6.5	6	253.3	
		385	111	12	56.1	2704	7.2	2	254.1	

PASSING EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	<i>g</i>	<i>aff</i>	<i>cmp</i>	<i>pct</i>	<i>yd</i>	<i>avg</i>	<i>Id</i>	<i>pct</i>	<i>rushing</i>
West Virginia	11	1	83	52	1	5.77	518	5.77	83 16
		2	84	59	10	1.67	1620	9.01	6 182
		25	1	4	RL	7.00	461	9.68	8 311
C. A. S.	1	343	1	48	39	9.78	899	1.08	2 282
Miami	11	59	73	37	16	4.51	86	20	1 279
Auburn	11	2	77	43	5	9.93	561	1.0	10 370
Mississippi	11	362	169	45	69	17	470	2014	5.58 10
		4	74	4	1	4.74	699	9.70	4 303
		325	46	45	44	1.2	4	88	4 215
		202	51	1	1	3.37	b69	4.63	5 166
U. of S.	1	73	52	4	13	4.03	681	5.7	1 345
		113	28	9	9	6	44	201	5.69 1
		1	4	78	5	6.3	19	2.02	1985 5.92
Ingraham	1	386	82	37	5	2	66	1.4	5.48 5
		16	1	1	1	2.7	174	45	7 189
		15	5	1	1	24	803	1.9	6 26
		59	4	57	1	9.9	9	2.0	9 30
Texas A&M	6	39	184	48	10	6	111	1.76	1 200
Northern Illinois	11	331	178	53	78	11	3.32	1775	5.38 7
Kentucky	11	267	127	45	37	14	442	1905	8.01 11

SCORING OFFENSE

	<i>g</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>pis</i>	<i>avg</i>		<i>g</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>pis</i>	<i>avg</i>
Notre Dame	11	54	409	37.2	Arizona	11	9	9	9.9
U. of Calif.	11	54	393	35.7	Auburn	11	2	109	9.1
Penn St.	11	52	386	35.3	W. Va.	5	5	127	11.5
Houston	11	50	78	34.0	Ohio St.	1	7	137	12.0
Hawaii	12	49	394	32.8	Michigan	1	16	140	22.5
U. of	1	45	256	22.4	Georgia	11	15	141	12.5
Georgia	11	44	352	32.0	Washington	1	18	148	13.0
Florida	11	43	356	31.9	Toledo	11	17	153	13.5
U. of S.	11	43	34	3.0	Tulane	12	19	168	14.0
Virginia	11	44	341	31.0	Louisiana Tech.	11	18	187	15.5
U. of Tenn. S.	11	42	324	31.4	North Texas	10	20	184	18.0
U. of Fla.	11	41	30	30.0	Central Michigan	1	23	70	15.0
U. of Ill. Champaign	11	45	365	29.6	Florida St.	11	18	172	15.0
U. of Ill. S.	2	42	24	24.0	Nebraska	11	19	172	15.0
U. of Ill. Urbana	11	42	24	24.0	Tennessee	1	2	173	5.0
U. of Ill. Chicago	11	42	24	24.0	Mississippi	1	20	174	5.0
U. of Ill. Springfield	11	42	24	24.0	U. of Ill. Urbana	1	18	76	16.0
U. of Ill. Urbana-Champaign	11	38	314	28.5	S. Cal.	12	26	93	16.0
U. of Ill. Urbana-Champaign	11	38	314	28.5	West. Michigan	12	24	177	16.0
U. of Ill. Urbana-Champaign	11	38	314	28.5	Notre Dame	1	20	76	16.0

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

COLLEGE STATISTICS

FINAL DIVISION I-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Jay Fiedler, Dartmouth	JR	10	273	175	64.10	13	4.76	2748	10.07	25	9.16	69.4
Lonnie Galloway, Western Carolina	JR	11	211	128	60.88	12	5.69	2181	10.34	20	9.48	67.4
Wendal Lowrey, NE Louisiana	SR	11	227	147	64.76	9	3.95	2190	9.65	16	7.05	161.1
Donny Simmons, Western Illinois	SR	11	281	182	64.77	11	3.91	2496	8.88	25	8.90	160.9
Michael Payton, Marshall	SR	11	313	200	63.90	11	3.51	2788	8.91	28	8.31	158.1
Shawn Knight, William & Mary	JR	11	195	124	63.59	5	2.58	1892	9.70	11	5.64	158.6
Ricky Jordan, Jackson St.	JR	11	215	119	55.35	9	4.19	2124	9.88	8	8.37	157.6
Greg L'ly Richmond	JR	11	275	162	58.91	10	3.64	2794	9.83	19	6.91	157.0
Doug Nussmeier, Idaho	JR	11	333	206	61.86	9	2.70	3028	9.09	22	6.61	154.6
Jay Johnson, Northern Iowa	SR	11	223	115	51.57	11	4.93	2255	10.11	18	8.07	153.3
Tom Kirchhoff, Lafayette	SR	11	296	180	60.81	9	3.04	2350	7.94	26	8.78	150.4
Nick Cochran, Youngstown St.	SR	11	172	99	57.56	6	3.49	1533	8.81	10	5.81	144.6
Mark Tenneson, Eastern Washington	SO	10	295	79	60.68	12	4.07	2489	8.44	18	6.10	143.6
Bill Vergantino, Delaware	SR	11	192	99	51.56	9	4.69	1720	8.96	15	7.81	143.2
Erik Williams, James Madison	SR	11	231	134	58.01	12	5.18	1949	8.44	17	7.35	142.8
Steve McNair, Alcorn St.	SO	10	427	231	54.10	11	2.58	154	8.29	29	6.79	141.0
Scott Gabbert, Southern Illinois	SR	11	305	172	56.39	12	3.93	2483	8.08	22	7.21	140.2
Darin Hinshaw, Central Florida	SO	10	303	161	53.14	16	5.28	2505	8.27	24	7.92	138.2
Kelly Holcomb, Middle Tenn. St.	SO	10	168	92	54.76	6	3.57	1409	8.39	9	5.36	135.7
Scott Semplepheller, Lehigh	JR	11	405	241	58.51	13	3.21	3190	7.88	19	4.68	134.7
Alex Perkins, Grambling	SR	11	241	101	41.91	10	4.15	1908	7.92	25	10.37	134.3
Emilio Colon, Maine	SO	11	255	157	61.57	6	2.35	1623	7.15	13	5.10	133.7
Robby Justice, Liberty	SR	11	339	211	62.24	12	3.54	2421	7.14	16	4.72	130.7
Stacy Moore, Texas Southern	SR	11	194	94	48.45	14	7.22	1537	7.92	16	8.25	127.8
Brad Lebo, Montana	SR	11	378	221	58.47	9	2.38	2646	7.00	17	4.50	127.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

cl	g	rushing			passing			Total offense				
		car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	td/r	pls	yds
Steve McNair, Alcorn St.	SO	92	633	117	516	427	3541	519	4057	7.82	39	43570
Doug Nussmeier, Idaho	JR	97	620	211	409	333	3028	430	3437	7.99	28	31245
Jay Fiedler, Dartmouth	JR	80	326	140	186	273	2748	353	2934	8.31	31	29340
Scott Semplepheller, Lehigh	JR	107	272	288	16	405	3190	512	3174	6.20	20	28955
Jamie Martin, Weber St.	SR	86	200	278	78	463	3207	549	3129	5.70	22	28445
Michael Payton, Marshall	SR	67	292	184	108	313	2788	380	2898	7.62	28	26327
Ralph Barone, Northeastern	SR	11	732	203	529	355	2825	466	2814	6.04	25	25582
Travis Stuart, Boise St.	JR	87	412	159	253	356	2207	443	2460	5.55	13	24600
Darin Hinshaw, Central Florida	SO	38	70	125	55	303	2505	341	2450	7.18	25	24500
Mark Tenneson, Eastern Washington	SO	75	215	265	50	295	2469	370	2439	6.59	21	24390
Greg L'ly Richmond	JR	83	175	262	87	275	2704	265	2617	7.31	22	23791
Bill Lazer, Cornell	JR	77	291	117	174	328	2205	405	2379	5.87	16	23790
James Wade, Tennessee St.	SR	116	328	268	60	308	254	424	260	5.13	18	23645
Orlando Perini, Morgan St.	JR	95	312	188	124	248	392	343	2116	6.17	13	23511
Jim Stayer, New Hampshire	SO	67	106	191	85	285	2200	353	2115	5.99	11	23500
Brad Lebo, Montana	SR	79	163	244	81	378	2646	457	2565	5.61	19	23318
Donny Simmons, Western Illinois	SR	121	376	323	53	28	2496	402	2549	6.34	30	23173
Don Crowley, Towson St.	SO	23	73	88	-15	330	2322	353	2307	6.54	14	23070
Erik Williams, James Madison	SR	166	761	187	574	231	1949	397	2523	6.36	25	22936
Scott Gabbert, Southern Illinois	SR	46	151	85	56	305	2463	351	2519	7.18	24	22800
Jay Walker, Howard	JR	75	312	188	214	312	2347	387	2471	6.39	23	22464
Lonnie Galloway, Western Carolina	JR	102	470	183	287	211	2.81	312	2468	7.88	22	22436
Tom Kuchhoff, Lafayette	SR	50	155	82	73	296	2350	346	2423	7.00	27	22027
Jim Russell, Coyle	SR	124	660	227	423	309	1940	433	2373	5.48	11	21573
Ricky Jordan, Jackson St.	JR	80	417	188	229	215	2124	295	2353	7.98	22	21591

*Touchdowns responsible for

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

cl	g	rush	rec	pr	tot	pls	yds	pg	plays	yds/pl
David Wright, Indiana St.	FR	11	1313	108	0	593	2014	183.09	254	7.93
Kelvin Anderson, SE Missouri	SO	10	1371	171	0	253	1795	179.50	236	7.61
Troy Brown, Marshall	SR	11	152	1108	101	482	1844	167.64	108	17.07
Keith Elias, Princeton	JR	10	1575	98	0	0	1673	167.30	258	6.48
Patrick Robinson, Tennessee St.	SR	10	0	803	150	665	1618	161.80	96	16.85
Tony Vinson, Towson St.	JR	8	1042	252	0	0	1294	161.75	209	6.19
Toby Davis, Illinois St.	SR	11	1561	67	0	114	1762	160.18	364	4.84
Sukrano Edwards, Samford	SO	10	1270	164	0	155	1589	158.90	215	7.39
Kenny Shedd, Northern Iowa	SR	11	0	926	477	342	1745	158.64	68	26.44
Jerry Ellison, Tenn. Chattanooga	JR	11	814	118	0	755	1687	153.36	165	10.22
Kerry Hayes, Western Carolina	SO	11	4	896	231	545	1676	152.36	77	21.77
Erik Marsh, Lafayette	SD	10	1365	143	0	2	150	151.00	104	4.97
Sheridan May, Idaho	SO	11	1111	362	0	147	1620	147.27	285	6.11
Tony Phillips, Morgan St.	JR	10	736	213	0	518	1467	146.70	220	6.67
Car Tremble, Furman	SR	11	1555	54	0	0	1609	146.27	235	6.85
Steve Decker, Western Illinois	SR	11	27	764	251	548	1580	144.55	15	13.83
Barry Bourassa, New Hampshire	SA	10	816	283	173	13	1403	140.30	217	6.47
Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky	SR	11	1498	38	0	0	1536	139.64	243	6.32
Kenny Sims, James Madison	SR	9	1157	77	0	0	1234	137.11	202	6.11
Rod Boethes, Richmond	JR	11	0	1115	0	389	1504	136.73	63	23.87
Eric Gant, Grambling	JR	11	1269	181	0	0	1470	133.64	220	6.68
Jason Anderson, Eastern Washington	SO	10	0	705	0	588	1293	129.30	62	20.85
Keil Price, Yale	JR	10	1141	151	0	0	1292	129.20	261	4.95
Geron Davis, Central Florida	FR	10	1134	114	0	31	1279	127.90	200	6.40

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

cl	g	cl	yds	td	cl pg
Glenn Krupa, SE Missouri St.	SR	1	77	773	4 7.00
Mike Wilson, Boise St.	JR	11	76	913	2 8.81
Daren Rizzit, Rhode Island	SR	11	74	1102	6 6.73
Yo Mu phy, Idaho	SR	1	68	1156	9 6.8
Troy Brown, Marshall	SR	11	67	1109	11 6.09
Mike Sardo, Columbia	SR	10	60	571	4 8.00
Jason Orting, Lehigh	SR	1	58	282	9 5.91
Kevin Howard, Towson St.	JR	0	59	693	3 5.90
Vincent Brisca, NE Louisiana	SR	10	56	650	9 5.60
Jess Humphrey, Morgan St.	JR	10	58	995	8 5.60
James McKnight, Liberty	JR	9	50	711	5 5.56
Tom Garlick, Fordham	JR	10	55	738	8 5.50
Matt Brzica, Dartmouth	JR	10	53	965	8 5.30
David McLeod, James Madison	JR	11	58	933	7 5.27
Steve Decker, Western Illinois	SR	11	58	764	9 5.27
Alex Davis, Connecticut	JR	11	57	760	5 5.18
David Rhodes, Central Florida	SO	10	51	1002	5 5.10
Tony Price, Alcorn St.	JR	10	51	842	4 5.10
Nate Taylor, Brown	JR	10	51	647	7 5.10
Demetrius Johnson, Western Illinois	SR	11	55	988	12 5.00

INTERCEPTIONS

cl	g	cl	yds	td	cl pg
Dave Roberts, Youngstown St.	SR	11	9	39	0 82
Mark Chapman, Connecticut	SR	11	8	67	0 73
Don Caparotti, Massachusetts	SR	10	7	15	0 70
Torrence Forney, Citadel	SR	11	7	71	1 64
Bob Jordan, New Hampshire	JR	11	7	35	0 64
Randy Fuller, Tennessee St.	JR	10	6	70	0 60
Jackie Keirig, Eastern Washington	JR				

FINAL DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

PUNT RETURNS

	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Quincy Miller, South Carolina St.	JR	17	311	0	18.29
Kerry Lawyer, Boise St.	SR	18	325	2	18.06
Kenny Shedd, Northern Iowa	SR	27	477	4	17.57
Michael Larch, Princeton	SR	12	180	1	15.00
Kerry Hayes, Western Carolina	SO	16	231	1	14.44
Andre Worell, Furman	JR	22	309	2	14.05
Danny Faust, SW Texas St.	SR	21	287	0	13.57
O. Adams, Northwestern St.	SR	21	284	1	13.52
Anthony Smith, Appalachian St.	SR	20	269	1	13.45
Garrett Shine, Loyola	FB	15	201	1	13.40
Dennis Minnis, Middle Tenn. St.	SO	28	367	1	13.11
Brian Randall, Delaware St.	JR	29	370	2	13.03
Cornell Johnson, Southern-B.R.	SR	28	358	1	12.79
Mike Stewart, Tennessee Tech	SR	26	328	1	12.62
Ernest Pate, Jackson St.	JR	26	309	0	12.36
Eric Alden, Idaho St.	JR	19	233	0	12.26
Palmer Scanlan, William & Mary	SR	34	415	0	12.21
Ron Ransom, Colgate	SR	19	216	1	11.37
Walter Saunders, Idaho	SR	22	249	0	11.32
Michael High, North Texas	SO	14	155	0	11.07

PUNTING

(Min. 12 per game)	cl	no	avg	g	yds
Harold Alexander, Appalachian St.	SR	55	44.45	11	2445
Terry Bledsoe, Northern Arizona	JR	59	44.31	11	2614
Rob Sims, Pennsylvania	SR	57	43.43	10	2910
Colin Geoffrey, Tennessee St.	SR	54	42.20	11	2279
Tim Mosley, Northern Iowa	JR	50	42.04	1	2102
Leo Arguello, Stephen F. Austin	SR	54	42.04	10	2270
Ross Schillier, Western Illinois	SO	51	41.59	11	2121
Scott Frazer, James Madison	JR	42	40.64	11	1707
Chris Schrock, Boston U.	SR	66	40.64	11	2682
Jason Cardwell, Eastern Illinois	SR	58	40.55	11	2353
Pat Neck, McNeese St.	JR	71	40.37	11	2666
Jim Kortiwski, East Tenn. St.	SR	63	40.14	11	2529
Chad McCarty, NE Louisiana	SR	44	40.00	11	1760
Tim McNamee, Eastern Kentucky	SR	55	39.91	11	2195
Rodney Hornorom, NC A&T	SR	50	39.38	11	1969
Cedrin Rawls, Howard	SR	54	39.31	11	2123
Chad Brummett, Tennessee Tech	SR	59	39.27	11	2317
Eric Conard, Liberty	FR	61	39.25	11	2394
Rick Boedermann, Western Kentucky	SO	67	39.19	10	2234
Chuck Popios, Delaware Sr.	SO	56	39.11	11	2190

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fpa	fpa	pct	fg pg
Mike Dodd, Boise St.	SR	11	31	22	710	2.00
Scott Obermeier, Northern Iowa	FR	19	19	17	889	1.55
Terry Bedner, Northern Arizona	JR	11	24	15	625	1.36
Dennis Durkin, Dartmouth	SR	10	13	13	1000	1.30
Mike Cochran, Cornell	SR	22	13	13	561	1.30
Richard Detelica, North Texas	JR	11	16	13	813	1.18
C. Fontana, Stephen F. Austin	JR	1	21	13	6 9	1.8
Daniel Whitehead, Liberty	SO	14	14	12	887	1.09
Jeff Wilkins, Youngstown St.	JR	11	15	12	800	0.9
Richard Grote, SW Missouri St.	SR	11	17	12	706	1.08
Mike Hollis, Idaho	JR	11	20	12	600	1.09
Ray Whitehead, SW Texas St.	SO	11	13	11	846	1.00
Jose Larios, McNeese St.	FR	11	16	11	688	1.00
Rob Taitent, NE Louisiana	SR	11	17	11	647	1.00
Bill Holtzman, Villanova	JR	11	20	11	550	1.00
Phil Shirley, Western Carolina	SO	11	14	10	7 4	91
Mike O'Neal, Samford	SR	11	14	10	714	91
Chris Dawson, William & Mary	JR	11	14	10	714	91
Nick Sosik, Connecticut	JR	11	15	10	667	91
Cameron Barr, Illinois St.	SR	11	16	10	625	91
Reed Hay, Georgia Southern	SO	11	16	10	625	91
Anthony Pignat, Holy Cross	SO	11	17	0	588	91

KICKOFF RETURNS

	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Marcus Dugin, Idaho St.	JR	15	499	0	33.27
Robert Johnson, Idaho St.	FR	14	416	0	29.71
Timmy Bland, Murray St.	SO	22	644	1	29.27
Ako Mott, Pennsylvania	SR	19	545	0	28.68
M. Henderson, Stephen F. Austin	SO	20	581	0	27.55
Chris Wright, Georgia Southern	SO	15	410	1	27.33
Kerry Hayes, Western Carolina	SO	20	545	2	27.25
David Wright, Indiana St.	FR	22	593	0	26.95
Dwight Robinson, James Madison	SO	17	447	0	26.29
Brian Rodman, North Carolina A&T	SO	22	571	2	25.95
Chris Hickman, NE Louisiana	SR	21	543	0	25.85
Mark Whiteman, Central Florida	SO	26	662	0	25.46
Wilbur Gillard, Connecticut	FR	16	406	0	25.38
D. Adams, Northwestern St.	SR	17	429	1	25.24
Xavier Redmond, Mississippi Valley	SO	16	403	0	25.19
Demetrius Dowler, Indiana St.	JR	21	524	0	24.95
Tobe Taylor, Temp. Chattanooga	FR	14	347	1	24.79
Mike Guevara, Montana	SR	31	762	0	24.58
Jason Anderson, E. Washington	SO	24	588	0	24.50
Anthony Pegues, SW Missouri St.	JR	17	416	0	24.47

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	gs	rds	avg	td	1st ps
Crater	11	672	3800	5.7	33	34.5
Western Kentucky	10	592	2871	4.8	26	287.1
Delaware St.	11	618	3099	5.0	31	281.7
Southwest Mo. St.	11	646	3037	4.7	30	276.1
Indiana St.	11	578	3029	5.2	33	275.4
Gambrell	11	496	2969	6.0	30	271.7
Princeton	10	532	2591	4.9	26	259.1
Delaware	11	538	2827	4.6	38	257.0
South Carolina St.	11	580	2783	4.7	26	253.0
Southwest Tex. St.	11	585	2762	4.8	27	252.9
Eastern Kentucky	11	524	2133	5.2	31	246.2
VMI	11	598	2708	4.5	24	246.2
Austin Peay	11	581	2695	4.6	17	245.1
Furman	11	513	2691	5.2	24	244.6
Southern Illinois	11	502	2532	5.0	25	230.2
James Madison	11	527	2490	4.7	26	226.4
Northwestern La.	11	538	2445	4.5	28	222.3
Middle Tenn. St.	11	469	2438	5.2	33	221.6
North Carolina A&T	11	517	2423	4.7	24	220.3
Youngstown St.	11	567	2398	4.2	30	218.0

TURNOVER MARGIN

	g	at	opp	1st	2nd	turnovers	lost	margin	
Youngstown St.	9	21	30	6	6	12	1	1.64	
Howard	20	23	43	13	12	25	1	1.64	
Gambrell	18	23	41	14	10	24	1	1.55	
Montana St.	11	20	31	5	10	15	1	1.45	
Cornell	11	13	26	8	4	12	1	1.40	
Connecticut	11	25	36	10	11	21	1	1.36	
Massachusetts	21	19	40	16	12	28	1	1.29	
Richmond	19	16	35	10	12	22	1	1.18	
Samford	19	14	38	16	10	26	1	1.09	
SW Missouri St.	11	16	27	10	6	16	1	1.00	
Middle Tenn. St.	17	17	34	16	8	24	1	0.91	
Lafayette	17	10	27	6	9	17	1	0.91	
Deborah	13	20	33	4	9	23	1	0.91	
South Carolina St.	16	19	35	20	5	25	1	0.91	
Fordham	12	19	31	9	13	22	1	0.90	
Jackson St.	18	18	36	15	12	27	1	0.82	
Tenn.-Martin	13	10	23	5	9	14	1	0.82	
Maho	18	18	26	9	9	18	1	0.73	
McNeese St.	18	19	35	16	11	27	1	0.73	
Princeton	14	7	21	3	14	20	1	0.71	
Lafayette	11	327	199	9	80.9	2630	8.0	29	239.1

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	gs	rds	avg	td	1st ps
Villanova	11	401	856	2.1	8	77.8
Eastern Wash.	10	340	830	2.4	19	79.0
Montana	11	417	866	2.6	11	98.7
Princeton	10	398	4.1	25	10	107.0
Fordham	11	415	467	2.6	16	106.7
McNeese St.	1	428	1230	2.9	10	111.8
Idaho	11	393	1243	3.2	4	113.0
Maine	11	381	1256	3.3	11	114.2
Mississippi Valley	9	336	1075	3.2	12	119.4
Jackson St.	11	414	1322	3.2	12	121.1
South Carolina St.	11	412	1377	3.1	13	121.5
Holy Cross	1	512	396	2.7	10	126.9
New Hampshire	11	471	1448	3.5	15	131.7
Samford	11	418	1449	3.5	15	131.7
North Carolina A&T	11	496	1457	2.9	9	125.5
Florida A&M	11	480	1472	3.1	17	132.8
Massachusetts	10	457	1474	5.7	14	142.0
Samford	11	444	1527	4.5	20	143.2
Richmond	11	444	1761	5.6	45	142.8
Jackson St.	11	734	1624	6.3	47	142.7
Delaware	11	739	1600	5.8	53	141.8
Western Carolina	11	723	1567	6.3	39	141.8
Idaho	11	750	1560	6.1	37	141.5
New Hampshire	11	801	1532	5.7	34	142.0
James Madison	11	723	1525	5.9	45	141.36
E. Washington	10	732	1413	5.6	35	141.20
Morgan St.	10	789	1409	5.2	31	140.70
Montana	11	665	1480	5.2	36	140.77
Georgia St.	11	716	1474	5.1	37	140.77
W. Va. & Mary	11	737	1434	4.7	19	142.7
Montana St.	11	737	1434	4.7	19	142.7
Montana St.	11	737	1434	4.7	19	142.7
Tennessee Tech	11	722	1326	4.5	27	142.4
Mississippi Valley	9	738	1240	4.1	19	142.4
Northern Iowa	11	7				

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Co. Jaso Springs CO

S 4 Indiana State+	28-32
S 11 Cr. Moon State	20-17
S 8 San Diego State+	7-28
S 12 M. Ghem Young	42-28
O 2 Wyoming+	18-6
O 3 Navy	
O 6 Fresno State	
O 23 Ne. Colorado+	
J 33 Texas El Paso+	28-22
N 7 Army	7-3
N 13 Natl.	3-20
N 20 Montana	3-8

Coach Fisher DeBerry • Colors Blue & Silver
Nickname: Falcons • 1982 Record 7-5

AKRON Akron OH

S 2 Central Michigan	31-20
S 18 Western Michigan	6-20
C 25-Y	20-24
O 9 Miami Ohio	
O 16 Bowling Green	3-24
O 23 Temple	29-15
O 30 Ohio University	13-0
N 6 Eastern Michigan	27-8
N 13 Pa. State	22-14
N 20 Youngstown State	10-10

Coach Gary Faust • Colors Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1982 Record 7-1

ALABAMA Tuscaloosa AL

S 4 Tulane + @	37-0
S 11 Jacksonville	25-8
S 18 Arkansas	38-11
S 25 Louisiana Tech + @	13-0
O 2 South Carolina	48-7
O 16 Tennessee + @	17-10
O 23 Mississippi	31-10
O 30 Southern Mississippi +	17-10
N 8 Louisiana State	31-11
N 3 Mississippi State	30-21
N 20 Auburn	17-0
@ Birmingham Al	

Coach Gene Stallings • Colors Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide • 1982 Record 13-0

ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham Al

S 6 Troy State	30-6
S 11 Morehead State	
S 25 Western Kentucky	
O 2 Miss College	
O 9 Jackson State	
O 16 Mississippi Valley St	
C 23 Charleston Southern	
O 30 McPherson	
N 6 Butler	
N 13 Dayton	
N 20 Prairie View A&M +	

Coach Jim Hillier • Colors Green, White & Gold
Nickname: Blazers • 1982 Record 7-3

ALABAMA STATE Montgomery Al

S 11 Southern	30-10
S 18 Aucan State +	7-32
S 25 Troy State +	14-31
O 9 Jackson State	7-21
O 16 Texas Southern	28-33
O 13 Prairie View A&M	44-6
O 30 Alabama A&M @	14-11
N 6 Grambling +	19-44
N 13 Mississippi Valley	25-19
@ A. Pontotoc MI	
# Al Birmingham Al	

Coach Houston Manhart • Colors Black & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1982 Record 5-6

ALCORN STATE Lorman, AL

S. 4 Grambling+	35-33
S. 11 Texas Southern+@	46-36
S. 18 Alabama State*	32-7
D. 25 Howard+	42-48
O. 2 Sam Houston+	27-28
D. 16 Prairie View+	63-0
O. 23 Southern*	35-13
D. 30 Jacksonville+	45-59
N. 6 Mississippi Valley St.+	31-0
N. 13 Troy State	
N. 20 Jackson State	42-35
@ Al Jackson, MS	

Coach: Candel Jones • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Braves • 1992 Record: 7-5

APPALACHIAN STATE Boone, NC

S. 4 North Carolina A&T	42-6
S. 11 Liberty+	
S. 18 Wake Forest	7-10
S. 25 The Citadel	0-25
O. 2 East Tennessee State+	38-14
D. 9 Furman	13-18
O. 16 Georgia Southern+	
O. 23 Marshall	37-34
O. 30 UT-Chattanooga+	37-17
N. 13 Western Carolina+	14-12
N. 20 VMI	27-12

Coach: Jerry Moore • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1992 Record: 7-5

ARIZONA Tucson, AZ

S. 4 Texas-El Paso+*	
S. 11 Pacific+	
S. 18 Illinois	
S. 25 Oregon State	14-14
O. 2 Southern Cal+	7-14
O. 16 Stanford+	21-8
O. 23 Washington State+	20-23
O. 30 UCLA	23-3
N. 6 Oregon+	
N. 13 California	24-17
N. 26 Arizona State*	5-7

Coach: Dick Tomey • Colors: Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 6-5

ARIZONA STATE Tempe, AZ

S. 4 Utah+*	
S. 18 Louisville	19-0
S. 25 Oklahoma State+*	
O. 2 Oregon State	40-13
O. 9 Washington State	18-20
O. 16 Oregon+*	20-30
O. 23 Stanford	
O. 30 Washington+	7-31
N. 6 California+	28-12
N. 13 UCLA	20-0
N. 26 Arizona+*	7-6

Coach: Bruce Snyder • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils • 1992 Record: 8-5

ARKANSAS Fayetteville, AR

S. 4 Southern Methodist	19-24
S. 11 South Carolina+	45-7
S. 18 Alabama	11-38
S. 25 Memphis State+@	6-22
O. 2 Georgia	3-27
D. 9 Tennessee+@	25-24
D. 16 Mississippi+*	3-17
D. 30 Auburn	24-24
N. 6 Mississippi State+@	3-10
N. 13 Tulsa	
N. 27 Louisiana State	30-6
@ Al Little Rock, AR	
*@ Jackson, MS	

Coach: Danny Ford • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Razorbacks • 1992 Record: 3-7-1

ARKANSAS STATE Jonesboro, AR

S. 4 Florida*	
S. 11 New Mexico State+	
S. 18 Northern Illinois*	0-31
S. 25 Southern Illinois+	42-38
O. 2 Louisiana Tech*	0-23
O. 9 Memphis State	7-37
O. 16 SW Louisiana+	20-7
O. 23 Mississippi State	6-56
N. 6 NE Louisiana	
N. 13 Pacific	
N. 20 Nevada+	

Coach: John Bobo • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Indians • 1992 Record: 2-9

ARMY West Point, NY

S. 11 Colgate+	
S. 18 Duke*	
S. 25 Villanova	
O. 2 Akron	
O. 9 Temple	
O. 16 Rutgers+	10-45
O. 23 Boston College	24-41
O. 30 Western Michigan	
N. 6 Air Force	3-7
N. 13 Lafayette	38-35
D. 4 Navy	5-4
@ Al East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Bob Sutton • Colors: Black, Gold & Gray
Nickname: Cadets • 1992 Record: 5-6

AUBURN Auburn, AL

S. 2 Mississippi State+*	21-45
S. 11 Samford+	55-0
S. 18 Louisiana State	30-29
S. 25 Southern Mississippi+	16-8
O. 2 East Tennessee State+	31-7
O. 9 Vanderbilt	7-14
O. 16 Florida+	9-24
O. 30 Arkansas	24-24
N. 6 New Mexico State	
N. 13 Georgia	10-14
N. 20 Alabama+	0-17

Coach: Terry Bowden
Colors: Bumt Orange & Navy Blue

Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 5-5-1

AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN

S. 4 Cincinnati	
S. 11 Knoxville College+*	31-7
S. 18 Western Kentucky+	
S. 25 Eastern Kentucky+	14-45
O. 2 Tennessee Tech+	0-10
O. 9 Murray State	10-27
O. 16 Tennessee State+	14-35
O. 23 Morehead State	34-41
O. 30 Southeast Missouri	21-16
N. 6 Middle Tennessee	10-49
N. 20 UT-Martin	32-18

Coach: Roy Gregory • Colors: Red & White

Nickname: Governors • 1992 Record: 3-8

BALL STATE Muncie, IN

S. 4 Syracuse	
S. 11 Illinois State	
S. 18 Ohio University	24-21
O. 2 Central Michigan	24-23
O. 9 Toledo	9-10
O. 16 Cincinnati	
O. 23 Bowling Green	6-38
O. 30 Eastern Michigan	31-7
N. 6 Miami (OH)	19-9
N. 13 Akron	14-22
N. 20 Kent	10-6

Coach: Pat Schuler • Colors: Cardinal & White

Nickname: Cardinals • 1992 Record: 10-2

BOWLING GREEN Bowling Green, OH

S. 4 Virginia Tech	
S. 11 Cincinnati	
S. 25 Navy	
O. 2 Toledo	10-9
O. 9 Ohio University	31-14
O. 16 Akron	24-3
O. 23 Ball State	38-6
O. 30 Miami (OH)	44-24
N. 6 Kent	28-22
N. 13 Central Michigan	17-14
N. 20 Western Michigan	29-19

Coach: Dan Allen • Colors: Orange & Brown

Nickname: Falcons • 1992 Record: 10-2

BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT

S. 4 New Mexico	35-0
S. 11 Hawaii	32-36
S. 18 Colorado State	
S. 25 Air Force+	28-7
O. 9 UCLA	10-17
O. 16 Notre Dame	16-42
O. 23 Fresno State	36-24
O. 30 Utah	30-9
N. 11 San Diego State	38-45
N. 20 Utah	31-22
N. 27 UTEP	38-28

Coach: LaVell Edwards • Colors: Red, Black & White

Nickname: Cougars • 1992 Record: 8-5

BROWN Providence, RI

S. 18 Yale	17-22
S. 25 Michigan	24-31
O. 2 Rhode Island	
O. 9 Princeton	14-28
O. 16 Bucknell	14-33
O. 23 Pennsylvania	0-38
O. 30 Cornell	6-16
N. 6 Harvard	19-29
N. 13 Dartmouth	28-51
N. 20 Columbia	28-34

Coach: Mickey Kowalkowski • Colors: Brown, Cardinal & White

Nickname: Bears • 1992 Record: 0-10

BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA

S. 4 Bloomsburg	4-24
S. 11 Lafayette	7-49
S. 25 Pennsylvania	
O. 2 Dartmouth	14-44
O. 9 Hobart	
O. 16 Brown	33-4
O. 23 Holy Cross	12-27
O. 30 Franklin	0-21
N. 6 Lehigh	16-38
N. 13 Towson State	21-24
N. 20 Cornell	28-21

Coach: Lou Manzana • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Bison • 1992 Record: 4-7

BUFFALO Buffalo, NY

S. 4 Maine	*
S. 11 New Haven	*
S. 18 Lafayette	*
S. 25 Edinboro	*
O. 2 Hofstra	*
O. 9 Fordham	*
O. 16 Buffalo State	*
O. 23 Towson State	*
O. 30 Youngstown State	*
N. 6 Boston University	*
N. 13 Central Florida	*

Coach: Jim Ward • Colors: Red, White & Blue

Nickname: Bulls • 1992 Record: 4-6

BUTLER Indianapolis, IN

S. 4 Hofstra	
S. 18 Georgetown	
S. 25 Drake	*
O. 2 Hillsdale	*
O. 9 Valparaiso	*
O. 6 Dayton	*
O. 23 San Diego	*
O. 30 Evansville	*
N. 6 Alabama-Birmingham	*
N. 13 Indianapolis	*

Coach: Ken LaRose • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 8-2

CALIFORNIA Berkeley, CA

S. 4 UCLA	*
S. 11 San Diego State	*
S. 18 Temple	*
S. 25 San Jose State	*
O. 2 Oregon	*
O. 9 Washington	*
O. 16 Washington State	*
O. 30 Southern Cal	*
N. 6 Arizona State	*
N. 13 Arizona	*
N. 20 Stanford	*
N. 27 Hawaii	*

Coach: Keith Gilbertson • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Golden Bears • 1992 Record: 4-7

CAL STATE-NORTHRIDGE Northridge, CA

S. 4 San Diego State	*
S. 11 Weber State	*
S. 18 Northern Arizona	*
S. 25 Sonoma State	*
O. 9 Nevada-Las Vegas	*
O. 16 Sacramento State	*
O. 23 UC Davis	*
O. 30 Chico State	*
N. 6 Cal Poly-SLO	*
N. 13 Southern Utah	*

Coach: Bob Bert • Colors: Red, Black & White

Nickname: Matadors • 1992 Record: 5-5

CANISIUS Buffalo, NY

S. 1 Duquesne	4-20
S. 18 Buffalo State	7-14
S. 25 Siena	*
O. 2 Mercyhurst	*
O. 9 Iona	*
O. 6 St. John's (NY)	*
O. 23 St. Peter's	*
O. 30 St. Francis (PA)	*
N. 6 Siena	*
N. 13 Georgetown	*

Coach: Barry Myntor • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Golden Griffins • 1992 Record:

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE

New Britain, CT

S 11 Towson State	20-24
S 18 Iona College	15-20
S 25 Wagner College	6-20
O 2 St Francis (PA)	19-34
O 9 Marist College+	9-34
O 16 Springfield College+	9-34
O 23 CW Post+	20-42
O 30 Southern Connecticut St.	20-42
N 6 St. Peter's College+	29-28
N 13 Duquesne University+	13-24

Coach: Sam Clinton • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils • 1992 Record: 6-6

CENTRAL FLORIDA Orlando, FL

S 11 Valdosta State+	3-20
S 18 East Carolina	35-22
S 25 McNeese State+	28-3
O 2 Yale+	16-20
D 9 Samford+	28-31
O 16 Western Illinois+	28-31
O 23 Bethune-Cookman	28-31
O 30 Troy State	28-31
N 6 Liberty	28-31
N 13 Buffalo+	28-31
N 20 Louisiana Tech	28-31

Coach: Gene McDowell • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Knights • 1992 Record: 6-4

CENTRAL MICHIGAN Mount Pleasant, MI

S 2 Akron+	28-31
S 11 Ohio University+	24-0
S 18 Nevada-Las Vegas*	24-20
S 25 Michigan State	23-24
O 2 Ball State	23-24
O 9 Western Michigan	14-19
O 16 Eastern Michigan+	30-13
O 23 Kent	35-0
N 8 Toledo	28-9
N 13 Bowling Green+	14-17
N 20 Miami (OH)	13-16

Coach: Herb Derome • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Chippewas • 1992 Record: 5-6

Charleston, SC

S 4 Morgan State	0-32
S 11 Presbyterian+	12-28
S 18 South Carolina St.	12-28
S 25 Towson State	12-28
O 2 Troy State	12-28
O 9 Newberry College	12-28
O 16 Lees-McRae College+	7-38
O 23 Alabama-Birmingham+	12-28
O 30 Liberty	12-28
N 6 Newport News	12-28
N 13 Winthrop	12-28

Coach: David Dowd • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers • 1992 Record: 3-7

CINCINNATI Cincinnati, OH

S 4 Austin Peay+	14-17
S 11 Towson State	14-17
S 18 Miami (OH)+*	14-17
S 25 Syracuse*	14-17
O 2 Tulsa	14-17
O 9 Vanderbilt	14-17
O 16 Ball State	14-17
O 23 Toledo	14-17
O 30 Memphis State+	14-17
N 13 Houston	14-17
N 20 East Carolina+	21-42

Coach: Tim Murphy • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats • 1992 Record: 3-8

CITADEL Charleston, SC

S 4 Winthrop	30-13
S 11 Georgia Southern	36-31
S 18 Western Carolina	25-0
S 25 Appalachian State+	28-7
O 2 Lees-McRae College+	20-14
O 9 East Tennessee St.	20-14
O 16 Furman+	20-14
O 23 Air Force	13-34
O 30 Marshall+	33-13
N 6 UT-Chattanooga	50-0

Coach: Charlie Taaffe • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 11-2

CLEMSON Clemson, SC

S 4 Nevada-Las Vegas+	20-24
S 11 Florida State	15-20
S 25 Georgia Tech	6-20
O 2 North Carolina St.	21-6
O 9 Duke	15-18
O 23 East Tennessee St.	23-53
O 30 Maryland	40-7
N 6 North Carolina	29-28
N 13 Virginia	13-24
N 20 South Carolina	7-14

Coach: Ken Hatfield • Colors: Purple & Orange
Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 5-6

CORNELL Ithaca, NY

S 18 Princeton	20-22
S 25 Colgate	25-7
O 2 Lehigh	29-23
O 9 Harvard	31-13
O 16 Fordham	25-16
O 23 Dartmouth	16-6
O 30 Brown	35-14
N 6 Yale	30-35
N 13 Columbia	7-14
N 20 Pennsylvania	7-14

Coach: Jim Holter • Colors: Camelot & White
Nickname: Big Red • 1992 Record: 7-3

DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH

S 18 Pennsylvania	35-17
S 25 Holy Cross	48-0
O 2 Bucknell	44-14
O 9 New Hampshire	27-45
O 16 Yale	39-27
O 23 Cornell	16-26
O 30 Harvard	31-7
N 6 Columbia	38-19
N 13 Brown	51-28
N 20 Princeton	34-20

Coach: John Lyons • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Big Green • 1992 Record: 8-2

DAVIDSON Davidson, NC

S 11 Seawise	20-37
S 18 Rhodes College	6-31
S 25 Erzey & Henry	7-36
O 2 Guilford College	18-3
O 9 Washington & Lee	12-27
O 16 Methodist College	27-6
O 23 Randolph-Macon College	18-35
O 30 Hampden-Sydney College	10-3
N 6 Centre College	29-13
N 13 Bridgewater College	25-18

Coach: Dave Fagg • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 5-5

DAYTON Dayton, OH

S 11 Wisconsin-Platteville	48-0
S 18 Wheaton	44-3
S 25 San Diego	47-0
O 2 Mount St Joseph	40-15
O 9 Evansville	38-9
O 16 Butler	45-0
O 23 Drake	13-13
O 30 Valparaiso	55-27
N 6 Urbana	21-29
N 13 Alabama-Birmingham	42-24

Coach: Mike Kelly • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Flyers • 1992 Record: 10-1

DELAWARE Newark, DE

S 4 Lehigh	31-14
S 11 William & Mary	31-21
S 18 Rhode Island	20-21
S 25 West Chester	9-13
O 9 James Madison	55-27
O 16 Villanova	21-20
O 23 Massachusetts	33-13
O 30 Maine	57-13
N 6 Towson State	55-27
N 13 Richmond	21-29
N 20 Northeastern	20-28

Coach: Harold Raymond • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Fighting Blue Hens • 1992 Record: 11-3

DELaware STATE Dover, DE

S 4 Fayetteville St.	54-0
S 11 Cheyney	27-13
S 18 Towson State	31-17
O 2 Bethune-Cookman	20-42
O 9 Youngstown State	44-16
O 16 Florida A&M	34-16
O 23 Morgan State	7-28
O 30 South Carolina St.	10-24
N 6 North Carolina A&T	27-49
N 13 Howard	28-31
@ At Wilmington, DE	21-21

Coach: Bill Collick • Colors: Blue & Red
Nickname: Hornets • 1992 Record: 6-5

DRAKE Des Moines, IA

S 11 Simpson	20-20
S 18 Augustana (IL)	33-19
S 25 Butler	20-30
O 2 Aurora	31-19
O 9 Chicago	9-38
O 16 Valparaiso	59-6
O 23 Dayton	7-21
O 30 Illinois-Benedictine	17-7
N 6 San Diego	17-7
N 13 Evansville	17-7

Coach: Rob Ash • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 7-2

DUKE Durham, NC

S 4 Florida State	21-48
S 11 Rutgers	21-48
S 18 Army	28-55
S 25 Virginia	6-2
O 2 Tennessee	25-27
O 9 Clemson	14-28
O 16 Maryland	17-20
O 23 Wake Forest	27-45
O 30 Georgia Tech	27-45
N 6 North Carolina St.	27-45
N 26 North Carolina	28-31

Coach: Barry Wilson • Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils • 1992 Record: 2-9

DUQUESNE Pittsburgh, PA

S 11 Canisius	28-14
S 18 Bethany	7-20
S 25 Thiel	22-0
O 2 Gannon	17-21
O 9 Wagner	6-31
O 16 Mari	23-23
O 23 Mercyhurst	27-21
O 30 St. John's (NY)	13-23
N 6 St. Francis (PA)	13-23
N 13 Central Connecticut St.	13-23

Coach: Greg Gattuso • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Dukes • 1992 Record: 5-4

EAST CAROLINA Greenville, NC

S 9 Syracuse	21-42
S 18 Central Florida	25-28
S 25 Washington	7-42
O 2 Memphis State	20-18
O 9 South Carolina	21-15
O 16 Louisiana Tech	7-48
O 23 Southern Mississippi	21-38
O 30 Virginia Tech	30-27
N 6 Tulsa	10-13
N 13 Kentucky	13-21
N 20 Cincinnati	42-21

Coach: Steve Logan • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Pirates • 1992 Record: 5-6

EASTERN ILLINOIS Charleston, IL

S 2 Murray State	48-9
S 11 McNeese State	26-21
S 18 Washington	45-14
O 2 Indiana State	31-28
O 16 Northern Iowa	21-15
O 23 Illinois State	7-48
O 30 Southwest Missouri	10-13
N 6 NW Louisiana	26-7
N 13 Western Kentucky	45-47
N 20 Southern Illinois	37-8

Coach: Bob Spoo • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Panthers • 1992 Record: 1-6

EASTERN KENTUCKY Richmond, KY

S 2 Western Kentucky	21-7
S 11 NE Louisiana	26-21
S 25 Austin Peay	45-14
O 2 Youngstown State	21-18
O 9 Tennessee State	49-28
O 16 Murray State	21-18
O 23 Tennessee Tech	35-0
O 30 UT-Martin	36-9
N 6 SE Missouri	20-10
N 13 Middle Tennessee St.	7-38
N 20 Morehead State	37-8
@ At Louisville, KY	21-21

Coach: Roy Kidd • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Colonels • 1992 Record: 9-3

EASTERN MICHIGAN Ypsilanti, MI

S. 4 West Virginia	
S. 9 Temple+	
S. 18 Western Illinois+	
O. 2 Miami (OH)	7-24
O. 9 Kent+	14-17
O. 16 Central Michigan	13-30
O. 23 Western Michigan+	19-20
O. 30 Ball State+	7-31
N. 6 Akron	9-27
M. 13 Ohio University+	7-5
N. 19 Toledo*	0-41

Coach: Ron Cooper • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1992 Record: 11-10

EASTERN WASHINGTON Cheney, WA

S. 4 NE Louisiana+	31-41
S. 18 Sacramento State	
S. 25 Montana+	27-21
O. 2 Weber State	32-14
O. 9 Portland State	21-24
O. 16 Idaho	21-38
O. 23 Northern Arizona	15-9
O. 30 Idaho State	37-3
N. 6 Morgan State	23-17
N. 13 Boise State	14-13

Coach: Dick Zomes • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1992 Record: 7-5

JOHNSON CITY TN

S. 4 Wingate College+	
S. 11 Mars Hill College+	21-0
S. 18 VMI	18-16
S. 25 Furman	14-45
O. 2 Appalachian State	14-38
O. 9 The Citadel	7-28
O. 16 Western Carolina	12-41
O. 23 Clemson	
N. 6 Marshall	10-43
N. 13 UT-Chattanooga	27-24
N. 20 Georgia Southern	

Coach: Mike Gavan • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers • 1992 Record: 5-6

EVANSVILLE Evansville, IN

S. 11 Franklin	24-20
S. 18 Kentucky Wesleyan	38-5
S. 25 Rose-Hulman	19-13
O. 2 Adrian	43-12
O. 9 Dayton	15-40
O. 16 San Diego	
O. 23 Valparaiso	
O. 30 Butler	
N. 6 Cumberland (Tenn.)	14-0
N. 13 Drake	7-17

Coach: Robin Cooper • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Purple Aces • 1992 Record: 7-2

FLORIDA Gainesville, FL

S. 4 Arkansas State	*
S. 11 Kentucky	35-19
S. 18 Tennessee	14-31
D. 2 Mississippi State	6-30
D. 9 Louisiana State	28-21
D. 16 Auburn	24-9
D. 30 Georgia @	26-24
N. 6 SW Louisiana	
N. 13 South Carolina	14-9
N. 20 Vanderbilt	41-21
N. 27 Florida State	24-45
@ Al Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Steve Spurrier • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Gators • 1992 Record: 9-4

FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee, FL

S. 4 Tennessee State	*
S. 11 South Carolina St.	20-12
S. 18 Jackson State	33-20
D. 2 Howard	10-3
D. 9 North Carolina A&T	21-7
D. 16 Delaware State	20-22
O. 23 Albany State	*
O. 30 Morgan State	42-32
N. 6 Southern	15-6
N. 13 Grambling	15-45
N. 20 Bethune-Cookman	21-35
@ Al Columbia, SC	
# Al Orlando, FL	
\$ Al Tampa, FL	

Coach: Ken Riley • Colors: Orange & Green
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 7-5

FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee, FL

S. 28 Kansas	@
S. 4 Duke	48-21
S. 11 Clemson	24-20
S. 18 North Carolina	36-13
O. 2 Georgia Tech	29-24
O. 9 Miami	16-19
O. 16 Virginia	13-3
O. 30 Wake Forest	35-7
N. 6 Maryland	69-21
N. 13 Notre Dame	
N. 20 North Carolina St.	34-13
N. 27 Florida	45-24
@ Al East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Bobby Bowden • Colors: Garnet & Gold
Nickname: Seminoles • 1992 Record: 11-1

FORDHAM Bronx, NY

S. 11 Lehigh	14-16
S. 18 Villanova	14-31
S. 25 Columbia	9-18
O. 2 Pennsylvania	10-13
O. 9 Buffalo	
O. 16 Cornell	
O. 23 Lafayette	21-44
O. 30 Bucknell	21-0
N. 6 Colgate	7-17
N. 13 Hofstra	20-31
N. 20 Holy Cross	13-21

Coach: Larry Gruen • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Rams • 1992 Record: 1-9

FRESNO STATE Fresno, CA

S. 4 Baylor	*
S. 11 Oregon State	36-46
S. 18 New Mexico	31-28
D. 9 The Citadel	7-28
O. 16 Western Carolina	12-41
O. 23 Clemson	
N. 6 Marshall	10-43
N. 13 UT-Chattanooga	
N. 20 Georgia Southern	
N. 20 San Diego State	45-41

Coach: Jim Sweeney • Colors: Cardinal & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 9-4

FURMAN Greenville, SC

S. 4 Connecticut	*
S. 11 Georgia Tech	
S. 18 Wolford	
S. 25 East Tennessee St.	45-14
D. 2 Western Carolina	27-29
O. 9 Appalachian State	16-13
O. 16 The Citadel	14-20
O. 30 VMI	41-13
N. 6 Georgia Southern	0-21
N. 13 Marshall	6-48
N. 20 UT-Chattanooga	35-0

Coach: Jimmy Satterfield • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Paladins • 1992 Record: 6-5

GEORGETOWN Washington, DC

S. 25 Iona	
D. 2 Siena	
O. 9 St. Peter's	12-21
O. 16 Franklin & Marshall	19-34
O. 22 Johns Hopkins	0-17
O. 30 Catholic	19-16
N. 6 St. John's	33-49
N. 13 Canisius	
N. 20 Washington & Lee	27-19
@ Al Hamilton, Bermuda	

Coach: Bob Benson • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Hoyas • 1992 Record: 4-6

GEORGIA Athens, GA

S. 4 South Carolina	28-6
S. 11 Tennessee	31-34
S. 18 Texas Tech	
S. 25 Mississippi	37-11
O. 2 Arkansas	27-3
O. 9 Southern Mississippi	
O. 16 Vanderbilt	30-20
O. 23 Kentucky	40-7
O. 30 Florida	24-28
N. 13 Auburn	14-10
N. 25 Georgia Tech	31-17
@ Al Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Ray Goff • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 10-2

GEORGIA SOUTHERN Statesboro, GA

S. 4 Savannah State	21-7
S. 11 The Citadel	
S. 18 Marshall	
S. 25 J.T. Chattanooga	
O. 2 Miami	
O. 9 Western Carolina	
O. 16 Appalachian State	
O. 23 VMI	
N. 6 Furman	21-0
N. 20 East Tennessee St.	

Coach: Tim Stowers • Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1992 Record: 7-4

GEORGIA TECH Atlanta, GA

S. 11 Furman	*
S. 18 Virginia	24-55
S. 25 Clemson	20-16
O. 2 Florida State	24-29
O. 9 Maryland	28-26
O. 16 North Carolina	14-26
O. 23 North Carolina State	16-13
O. 30 Duke	20-17
N. 6 Baylor	27-31
N. 13 Wake Forest	10-23
N. 25 Georgia	17-31

Coach: Bill Lewis • Colors: Old Gold & White
Nickname: Yellow Jackets • 1992 Record: 5-6

GRAMBLING Grambling, LA

S. 7 Alcorn State	33-35
S. 18 Tennessee State	
S. 25 Hampton	*
O. 2 Prairie View A&M	63-3
O. 9 Mississippi Valley	48-6
S. 25 Utah State	
O. 9 Colorado State	52-21
O. 16 Air Force	
O. 23 Brigham Young	24-36
O. 30 Wyoming	42-31
N. 6 Texas Southern	43-18
N. 6 Alabama State	44-19
N. 13 Florida A&M	27-10
N. 13 Grambling	
N. 20 San Diego State	19-21
N. 20 Yale	14-0

Coach: Eddie Robinson • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 10-2

HARVARD Cambridge, MA

S. 18 Columbia	27-20
S. 25 William & Mary	16-36
D. 2 Lafayette	29-31
O. 9 Cornell	13-31
O. 16 Holy Cross	7-30
D. 23 Princeton	6-21
D. 30 Dartmouth	7-31
N. 6 Brown	29-19
N. 13 Pennsylvania	19-21
N. 20 Yale	14-0

Coach: Joe Resch

Colors: Crimson, Black & White

Nickname: Crimson • 1992 Record: 3-7

HARVARD Honolulu, HI

S. 4 Middle Tennessee St.	*
S. 11 Brigham Young	36-32
S. 18 Kent	*
S. 25 Texas-El Paso	41-21
O. 2 New Mexico	
O. 9 San Diego State	28-52
O. 23 Wyoming	42-18
N. 6 Utah	17-38
N. 13 Fresno State	47-45
N. 20 Air Force	6-3
N. 27 California	*
D. 4 Tulane	*

Coach: Bob Wagner • Colors: Green & White

Nickname: Rainbow Warriors • 1992 Record: 11-2

HOFSTRA Hempstead, NY

S. 4 Butler	*
S. 11 Rhode Island	28-18
S. 18 Lehigh	
S. 25 Illinois State	*
O. 2 Buffalo	*
O. 9 Bucknell	*
O. 15 Lafayette College	
O. 30 Towson State	18-37
N. 13 Fordham	31-20
N. 20 Maine	

Coach: Joe Gardi • Colors: Gold, White & Blue

Nickname: Flying Dutchmen • 1992 Record: 4-6

HOLY CROSS Worcester, MA

S. 11 Massachusetts	*
S. 18 Boston University	
S. 25 Dartmouth	0-48
O. 2 Princeton	10-7
O. 9 Yale	3-7
O. 16 Harvard	30-7
O. 23 Bucknell	27-12
O. 30 Lehigh	28-25
N. 6 Lafayette	6-15
N. 13 Colgate	18-17
N. 20 Fordham	21-13

ILLINOIS STATE Normal, IL

S. 4 Tennessee Tech+
S. 11 Ball State
S. 18 McNeese State+
S. 25 Hofstra
O. 2 Western Illinois+
O. 9 SW Missouri State
O. 16 Indiana State+
D. 23 Eastern Illinois
O. 30 Northern Iowa
N. 6 Southern Illinois
N. 13 Youngstown State+
10-34

Coach: Jim Heacock • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redbirds • 1992 Record: 5-6

INDIANA Bloomington, IN

S. 4 Toledo+
S. 11 Northern Illinois
S. 18 Kentucky+
S. 25 Wisconsin+
O. 2 Minnesota+
O. 9 Iowa+
O. 23 Northwestern
O. 30 Michigan State
N. 6 Penn State
N. 13 Ohio State
N. 20 Purdue+
10-13

Coach: Bill Mallon • Colors: Cream & Crimson
Nickname: Hoosiers • 1992 Record: 5-6

INDIANA STATE Terre Haute, IN

S. 4 Air Force
S. 11 Minnesota
S. 25 SW Missouri State
O. 2 Eastern Illinois
O. 9 Northern Iowa
O. 16 Illinois State
O. 23 Western Kentucky
O. 30 Southern Illinois
N. 6 Youngstown State
N. 13 West Virginia Tech
N. 20 Western Illinois
30-42

Coach: Dennis Raetz • Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Sycamores • 1992 Record: 4-7

IONA New Rochelle, NY

S. 11 Sacred Heart
S. 18 Central Connecticut
S. 25 Georgetown
O. 2 Wagner College
O. 9 Canisius
O. 16 St. Peter's
O. 23 Pace
O. 30 Siena
N. 6 Marist
N. 12 St. John's (NY)
30-33

Coach: Harold Crocker • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Gaels • 1992 Record: 5-5

IOWA Iowa City, IA

S. 4 Tulsa
S. 11 Iowa State
S. 18 Penn State
O. 2 Michigan
O. 9 Indiana
O. 16 Illinois
O. 23 Michigan State
O. 30 Purdue
N. 6 Northern Illinois
N. 13 Northwestern
N. 20 Minnesota
16-28

Coach: Hayden Fry • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hawkeyes • 1992 Record: 5-7

IOWA STATE Ames, IA

S. 2 Northern Illinois
S. 11 Iowa
S. 18 Wisconsin
S. 25 Rice
O. 2 Oklahoma
O. 16 Kansas
O. 23 Oklahoma State
O. 30 Missouri
N. 6 Kansas State
N. 13 Nebraska
N. 20 Colorado
19-10
10-31

Coach: Jim Walden • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Cyclones • 1992 Record: 4-7

JACKSON STATE Jackson, MS

S. 11 Tennessee State
S. 18 Florida A&M
S. 25 Mississippi Valley
O. 2 South Carolina
O. 9 Alabama State
O. 16 Southern
O. 23 Grambling
N. 6 Texas Southern
N. 13 Prairie View
N. 20 Alcorn State
@ Al Chicago, IL
Al Indianapolis, IN

Coach: James Carson • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 7-4

JAMES MADISON Harrisonburg, VA

S. 4 Toledo
S. 11 Northern Illinois
S. 18 Kentucky
S. 25 Wisconsin
O. 2 Minnesota
O. 9 Iowa
O. 23 Northwestern
O. 30 Michigan State
N. 6 Penn State
N. 13 Ohio State
N. 20 Purdue
25-37

Coach: Ray Scherer • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Dukes • 1992 Record: 4-7

KANSAS Lawrence, KS

A. 28 Florida State
S. 4 Western Carolina
S. 11 Michigan State
S. 18 Utah
D. 2 Colorado State
O. 9 Kansas State
O. 16 Iowa State
O. 23 Oklahoma
O. 30 Oklahoma State
N. 6 Nebraska
N. 13 Colorado
N. 20 Missouri
G. Al East Rutherford, NJ
31-7

Coach: Glen Mason • Colors: Crimson & Blue

Nickname: Jayhawks • 1992 Record: 8-4

KANSAS STATE Manhattan, KS

S. 4 New Mexico State
S. 11 Western Kentucky
S. 18 Minnesota
S. 25 Nevada-Las Vegas
O. 9 Kansas
O. 16 Nebraska
O. 23 Colorado
O. 30 Oklahoma
N. 6 Iowa State
N. 13 Missouri
N. 20 Oklahoma State
19-0

Coach: Bill Snyder • Colors: Purple & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 5-6

KENT Kent, OH

S. 4 Kentucky
S. 11 Akron
S. 18 Hawaii
D. 2 Western Michigan
O. 9 Eastern Michigan
O. 16 Ohio University
O. 23 Central Michigan
O. 30 Toledo
N. 6 Bowling Green
N. 13 Miami (OH)
N. 20 Ball State
13-26

Coach: Pete Cordelli • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Nickname: Golden Flashes • 1992 Record: 2-9

KENTUCKY Lexington, KY

S. 4 Kent
S. 11 Florida
S. 18 Indiana
S. 23 South Carolina
O. 2 Mississippi
O. 16 Louisiana State
O. 23 George
O. 30 Mississippi State
N. 6 Vanderbilt
N. 13 East Carolina
N. 20 Tennessee
19-35

Coach: Bill Curry • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 4-7

LAFAYETTE Easton, PA

S. 11 Bucknell
S. 18 Buffalo
S. 25 Princeton
O. 2 Harvard
O. 9 Columbia
O. 16 Hofstra
O. 23 Fordham
O. 30 Colgate
N. 6 Holy Cross
N. 13 Army
N. 20 Lehigh
49-7

Coach: Bill Russo • Colors: Maroon & White

Nickname: Leopards • 1992 Record: 8-3

LEHIGH Bethlehem, PA

S. 4 Delaware
S. 11 Fordham
S. 18 Richmond
S. 25 Connecticut
S. 25 Jacksonville St.
O. 2 Massachusetts
O. 9 Delaware
O. 15 New Hampshire
O. 30 William & Mary
N. 6 Northeastern
N. 13 Idaho
N. 13 Indiana
N. 20 Boston University
16-14

Coach: Hank Small • Colors: Brown & White

Nickname: Engineers • 1992 Record: 3-8

LIBERTY Lynchburg, VA

S. 4 Concord (WV)+
S. 11 Appalachian State
S. 18 SW Texas State
S. 25 Indiana (PA)+
O. 2 North Carolina A&T+
O. 9 Troy State
O. 16 Youngstown State
O. 30 Charleston Southern
N. 6 Central Florida
N. 13 Delaware State
N. 20 Villanova
26-8

Coach: Sam Rutigliano • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1992 Record: 7-4

LOUISIANA STATE Baton Rouge, LA

S. 4 Texas A&M
S. 11 Mississippi State
S. 18 Auburn
S. 25 Tennessee
O. 2 Utah State
O. 9 Florida
O. 16 Kentucky
O. 30 Mississippi
N. 6 Alabama
N. 20 Tulane
N. 27 Arkansas
22-31

Coach: Curley Haffman • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1992 Record: 2-9

LOUISIANA TECH Ruston, LA

S. 4 Tennessee
S. 18 South Carolina
S. 25 Arizona
O. 2 Arkansas State
O. 16 East Carolina
O. 23 San Jose State
O. 30 Northern Illinois
N. 6 Nevada-Las Vegas
N. 13 John State
N. 20 Central Florida
N. 27 SW Louisiana
13-14

Coach: Joe Ray Price • Colors: Red & Blue

Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 5-6

LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY

S. 4 San Jose State
S. 11 Memphis State
S. 18 Arizona State
S. 18 Texas
O. 2 Pittsburgh
O. 9 West Virginia
O. 16 Southern Mississippi
O. 23 Navy
N. 6 Tennessee
N. 13 Texas A&M
N. 25 Tulsa
16-15

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger

Colors: Red, White & Black

Nickname: Cardinals • 1992 Record: 5-6

MAINEOrono, ME

S. 4 Buffalo
S. 11 Boston University
S. 18 Massachusetts
S. 25 New Hampshire
O. 9 Richmond
O. 16 Rhode Island
O. 23 Connecticut
O. 30 Delaware
N. 6 William & Mary
N. 7 Northeastern
N. 20 Hofstra
@ Al Portland, ME
40-11

Coach: Jack Cosgrove • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Black Bears • 1992 Record: 6-5

MARIST Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 11 St Francis (PA)
S. 18 Pace
S. 25 C.W Post
S. 30 St. John's
O. 9 Central Connecticut St
O. 16 Duquesne
O. 23 RPI
O. 30 The Citadel
N. 6 Wagner
N. 13 Idaho
N. 20 Western Carolina
14-42

Coach: Jim Parady • Colors: Black, Red & White

Nickname: Red Foxes • 1992 Record: 4-5-1

MARSHALL Huntington, WV

S. 4 Morehead State
S. 11 Murray State
S. 18 Georgia Southern
O. 2 UT-Chattanooga
O. 9 VM+
O. 16 North Carolina St
O. 23 Appalachian State
O. 30 The Citadel
N. 6 East Tennessee St
N. 13 Furman
N. 20 Western Carolina
22-23

Coach: Mark Duffner

Colors: Red, White, Black & Gold

Nickname: Thundering Herd • 1992 Record: 3-3

MASSACHUSETTS Amherst, MA

S. 11 Holy Cross
S. 18 Maine
S. 25 Boston University
O. 2 James Madison
O. 9 Rhode Island
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MEMPHIS STATE Lake Charles, LA	
S. 4 Mississippi State*	16-20
S. 11 Louisville +	15-16
S. 18 SW Louisiana*	
S. 25 Arkansas (n)	22-6
O. 2 East Carolina	42-7
D. 9 Arkansas State+	37-7
O. 16 Tulane+	20-25
D. 30 Cincinnati	34-14
N. 6 Mississippi+	12-17
N. 13 Southern Mississippi+	21-23
N. 27 Miami	
@ Al Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Chuck Stobart • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 6-5

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL	
S. 4 Boston College
S. 18 Virginia Tech+	43-23
S. 25 Colorado	
O. 2 Georgia Southern+	19-15
O. 9 Florida State	
D. 9 Florida State+	16-10
O. 23 Syracuse+	
O. 30 Temple+	48-0
N. 6 Pittsburgh	
N. 13 Rutgers+	
N. 20 West Virginia	35-23
N. 27 Memphis State+	
@ Al Jackson, MS	

Coach: Dennis Erickson
Colors: Orange, Green & White
Nickname: Hurricanes • 1992 Record: 11-1

MIAMI Oxford, OH

MIAMI Oxford, OH	
S. 11 SW Louisiana+	
S. 18 Cincinnati	17-14
S. 25 Western Michigan	20-7
O. 2 Eastern Michigan+	24-7
O. 9 Akron*	
O. 16 Toledo	17-20
D. 23 Ohio University+	23-21
O. 30 Bowling Green+	24-44
N. 6 Ball State	9-19
N. 13 Kent	31-14
N. 20 Central Michigan+	16-13
@ Al Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Randy Walker • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redskins • 1992 Record: 6-4-1

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI	
S. 4 Washington State+	
S. 11 Notre Dame+	17-17
S. 25 Houston+	61-7
O. 2 Iowa+	52-28
O. 9 Michigan State	35-10
O. 16 Penn State	
O. 23 Illinois+	22-22
O. 30 Wisconsin	
N. 6 Purdue	24-17
N. 13 Minnesota	63-13
N. 20 Ohio State+	13-13
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Gary Moeller • Colors: Maize & Blue
Nickname: Wolverines • 1992 Record: 9-0-3

MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing, MI

MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing, MI	
S. 11 Kansas+	
S. 18 Notre Dame	31-52
S. 25 Central Michigan	20-24
O. 9 Michigan+	10-35
O. 16 Ohio State	17-27
O. 23 Iowa+	
O. 30 Indiana	42-31
N. 6 Northwestern+	27-26
N. 13 Purdue	35-13
N. 27 Penn State+	
D. 5 Wisconsin @*	26-10
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: George Perles • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Spartans • 1992 Record: 5-6

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE Murfreesboro, TN

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE Murfreesboro, TN	
S. 4 Hawaii	
S. 18 Campbellsville+	
S. 25 Murray State+	66-6
O. 3 Tennessee State	35-31
O. 9 JT Martin*	14-0
O. 16 Morehead State	70-0
O. 23 SE Missouri State+	30-15
O. 30 Tulsa	
N. 6 Austin Peay+	49-10
N. 13 Eastern Kentucky	38-7
N. 20 Tennessee Tech	21-0
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Boots Donnelly • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Raiders • 1992 Record: 10-3

MINNESOTA Minneapolis, MN	
S. 4 Penn State	
S. 11 Indiana+	
S. 18 Kansas State+	
S. 25 San Diego State	
O. 2 Indiana	17-24
O. 9 Pitt	20-24
O. 16 Northwestern	
O. 23 Wisconsin	6-34
N. 6 Illinois	18-17
N. 13 Michigan+	13-63
N. 20 Iowa	28-13
@ Al Little Rock, AR	

Coach Jim Wacker • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Golden Gophers • 1992 Record: 9-5

MISSISSIPPI University, MS

MISSISSIPPI University, MS	
S. 2 Auburn	45-21
S. 11 UT Chattanooga	
S. 18 Vanderbilt	9-31
S. 25 Georgia+	11-37
O. 2 Kentucky	24-14
O. 16 Arkansas+@	17-3
O. 23 Alabama+	10-31
O. 30 Louisiana State	32-0
N. 6 Memphis State	17-12
N. 13 Northern Illinois+	
N. 27 Mississippi State	17-10
@ Al Jackson, MS	

Coach: Billy Brewer
Colors: Cardinal Red & Navy Blue
Nickname: Rebels • 1992 Record: 9-3

MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville, MS

MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville, MS	
S. 4 Memphis State+	20-15
S. 11 Louisiana State+	3-24
S. 25 Tulane	
O. 2 Florida	30-6
O. 9 Auburn	14-7
O. 16 South Carolina+	5-21
O. 23 Arkansas State+	56-6
O. 30 Kentucky+	37-36
N. 6 Arkansas @	10-3
N. 13 Alabama	21-30
N. 27 Mississippi+	10-17
@ Al Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Jackie Sherrill • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 7-5

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Hattiesburg, MS

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Hattiesburg, MS	
S. 4 Arkansas-Pine Bluff+	
S. 11 Lane College*	30-0
S. 25 Jackson State+	14-42
O. 2 Southern-Baton Rouge+	10-13
O. 9 Grambling	6-49
O. 16 Alabama-Birmingham+	
O. 30 Prairie View	35-14
N. 6 Alcorn State	0-31
N. 12 Alabama State+	19-35
N. 20 Texas Southern+	25-13
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Larry Dorsey • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Delta Devils • 1992 Record: 4-5

MISSOURI Columbia, MO

MISSOURI Columbia, MO	
S. 11 Illinois+	17-24
S. 18 Texas A&M	13-26
S. 25 West Virginia	
O. 2 Southern Methodist+	
O. 9 Colorado	0-6
O. 16 Oklahoma State+	26-28
O. 23 Nebraska	24-34
O. 30 Iowa State+	14-28
N. 6 Oklahoma+	17-51
N. 13 Kansas State	27-14
N. 20 Kansas	22-17
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Bob Stull • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 3-8

MONTANA Missoula, MT

MONTANA Missoula, MT	
S. 4 South Dakota St+	
S. 11 Oregon	
S. 18 Idaho State+	21-14
S. 25 Eastern Washington	21-27
O. 2 Boise State+	21-27
O. 9 Weber State+	7-24
O. 16 Northern Arizona	28-27
O. 23 Jacksonville State+	
O. 30 Sacramento State+	
N. 6 Idaho	47-29
N. 13 Montana State	29-17
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Don Read • Colors: Copper, Silver & Gold
Nickname: Grizzlies • 1992 Record: 6-5

MONTANA STATE Bozeman, MT	
S. 4 Western Illinois	
S. 11 Washington State	
S. 18 UW-Lake Erie	
S. 25 Weber State+	19-47
O. 2 Northern Illinois	9-3
O. 9 Southern Utah	
J. 16 State State	14-7
O. 23 Idaho State	7-28
O. 30 Boise State	17-13
N. 6 Eastern Washington+	
N. 13 Montana State	17-23
N. 13 Montana+	17-29
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach Cliff Myself • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats • 1992 Record: 4-7

MOREHEAD STATE Morehead, KY

MOREHEAD STATE Morehead, KY	
S. 4 Marshall	7-49
S. 11 Alabama-Birmingham	
S. 18 West Virginia Tech+	
S. 25 Tennessee Tech	
O. 2 Missouri State+	12-31
J. 2 SE Missouri St.	20-17
J. 15 Middle Tennessee St.	0-70
J. 22 Austin Peay	41-4
J. 30 Tennessee Tech	14-24
N. 6 M.L. King State	31-7
N. 13 UT Martin	7-20
N. 20 Towson State	9-37
@ Al Jackson, MS	

Coach Cole Price • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Eagles • 1992 Record: 7-9

MORGAN STATE Baltimore, MD

MORGAN STATE Baltimore, MD	
S. 4 Charleston Southern+	9-48
S. 11 Bethel College	10-2
S. 18 SE Missouri St.	21-27
S. 25 Middle Tennessee SL	6-66
O. 2 UT Martin	7-13
O. 9 Austin Peay	27-10
O. 16 Eastern Kentucky	18-21
O. 30 Tennessee Tech	10-35
N. 6 Morehead State	7-31
N. 13 Tennessee State	10-19
N. 20 Western Kentucky	15-47
@ Al Orlando, FL	

Coach Houston Nutt • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Pokes • 1992 Record: 2-9

NAVY Annapolis, MD

NAVY Annapolis, MD	
S. 11 Virginia	0-53
S. 18 Eastern Illinois+	
S. 25 B. Wing Green	
O. 2 T. Lane	20-17
O. 9 A. Joyce	16-18
O. 6 C. Gilgate	
O. 30 Notre Dame	7-38
N. 3 Vanderbilt	7-27
N. 20 Southern Methodist	
J. 4 Army	24-25
G. R. Josephine PA	
# 4 East Carolina	
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: George Chaump • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Midshipmen • 1992 Record: 7-10

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE	
S. 4 North Texas+	
S. 11 Texas Tech+	
S. 18 UCA	
S. 25 Colorado State+	
O. 7 Oklahoma State	55-0
O. 16 Kansas State	38-24
O. 23 Missouri+	34-24
O. 30 Colorado	52-7
N. 6 Kansas	49-7
N. 13 Iowa State	10-19
N. 20 Oklahoma+	33-9
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Tom Osborne • Colors: Scarlet & Cream
Nickname: Cornhuskers • 1992 Record: 9-3

NICHOLLS STATE Thibodaux, LA

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NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill, NC

A 29 Southern Cal @*	
S 4 Ohio University +*	
S 11 Maryland +	31-24
S 16 Florida State +	13-36
S 25 North Carolina St	20-27
O 2 Texas-EI Paso +	
O 9 Wake Forest +	35-17
O 16 Georgia Tech	26-41
O 23 Virginia	27-7
N 6 Clemson +	7-40
N 13 Tulane *	
N 26 Duke +	31-28
@ Al Anaheim, CA	

Coach Mack Brown • Colors: Carolina Blue & White
Nickname: Tar Heels • 1992 Record: 9-3

NORTH CAROLINA A&T Greensboro, NC

S 4 Appalachian State +	6-42
S 11 Winston-Salem *	21-7
S 25 Western Carolina	
O 2 Jberry *	35-32
D 9 Florida A&M +	7-21
O 16 Morgan State	52-23
O 23 Howard	16-14
O 30 Belmont-Cookman	30-22
N 6 Delaware State +	24-10
N 13 Johnson C. Smith +	
N 20 South Carolina State	24-21

Coach: Bill Hayes • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Aggies • 1992 Record: 9-3

NORTH CAROLINA STATE Raleigh, NC

S 4 Purdue +	
S 11 Wake Forest *	42-14
S 25 North Carolina +	27-20
O 2 Clemson	20-6
O 9 Texas Tech *	48-13
O 16 Marshall +	
O 23 Georgia Tech +	13-16
O 30 Virginia +	31-7
N 6 Duke	45-27
N 13 Maryland +	14-10
N 20 Florida State *	13-34

Coach: Dick Sheridan • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Wolfpack • 1992 Record: 9-3-1

NORTHEASTERN Boston, MA

S 10 Villanova *	
S 18 Boise State *	
S 25 Rhode Island	35-26
O 2 Richmond	
O 9 Boston University +	19-25
O 16 William & Mary +	
O 23 New Hampshire	10-10
O 30 Massachusetts +	10-22
N 6 James Madison +	34-35
N 13 Maine	47-35
N 20 Delaware +	

Coach: Barry Gallup • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1992 Record: 5-5-1

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA Monroe, LA

S 4 Eastern Washington	41-31
S 11 Eastern Kentucky +	21-26
S 18 Southern Mississippi	
S 25 Nicholls State *	38-10
D 2 Northwestern State +	28-18
O 9 McNeese State +	52-35
O 16 SW Texas State *	13-6
O 23 Stephen F Austin +	41-22
N 6 Arkansas State	
N 13 Sam Houston State	38-10
N 20 North Texas +	47-25

Coach: Dave Roberts • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Indians • 1992 Record: 10-3

NORTHERN ARIZONA Flagstaff, AZ

S 4 Southern Utah *	17-20
S 1 North Texas +	
S 18 Northridge State + *	
S 25 Idaho State *	27-12
O 2 Montana State +	13-9
O 9 Boise State *	14-20
O 16 Montana +	27-28
O 23 Eastern Washington	9-15
O 30 Idaho +	14-53
N 6 Weber State	19-25
N 13 Valparaiso +	

Coach: Steve Axman • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1992 Record: 4-7

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DeKalb, IL

S 2 Iowa State *	
S 11 Indiana	
S 18 Arkansas State +	31-0
S 25 Nevada	
O 2 Southern Illinois +	
O 9 New Mexico State	
O 16 Pacific +	
O 23 SW Louisiana +	23-15
O 30 Louisiana Tech	
N 6 Iowa	
N 13 Mississippi	

Coach: Charlie Sadler • Colors: Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1992 Record: 5-6

NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls, IA

S 4 McNeese State *	29-7
S 11 Wyoming	
S 18 Jacksonville State +	
S 25 Southwest Texas St. +	
O 2 SW Missouri State *	37-12
O 9 Indiana State +	34-13
O 16 Eastern Illinois +	15-21
O 23 Western Illinois	37-6
O 30 Illinois State	41-14
N 6 Morehead State +	
N 13 Southern Illinois *	30-25

Coach: Terry Allen • Colors: Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1992 Record: 12-2

NORTH TEXAS Denton, TX

S 4 Nebraska	
S 11 Northern Arizona	
S 18 SW Missouri State +	10-35
S 25 Abilene Christian +	41-0
O 9 SW Texas State +	13-10
O 16 McNeese State	25-26
O 23 Northwestern State +	34-37
O 30 Sam Houston State	14-34
N 6 Stephen F Austin +	21-11
N 13 Nichols State +	31-3
N 20 NE Louisiana *	25-47

Coach: Dennis Parker • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1992 Record: 4-7

NORTHWESTERN Evanston, IL

S 4 Notre Dame	7-42
S 18 Boston College +	0-49
S 25 Wake Forest +	
O 2 Ohio State	7-31
O 9 Wisconsin	27-25
O 16 Minnesota +	
O 23 Indiana +	3-28
O 30 Illinois	27-26
N 6 Michigan State	26-27
N 13 Iowa +	14-56
N 20 Penn State +	

Coach: Gary Barnett • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 3-8

NORTHWESTERN STATE Natchezches, LA

S 4 Southern University @	
S 11 Troy State +	19-38
S 25 East Texas +	20-0
O 2 NE Louisiana	18-28
O 9 Nicholls State +	44-6
O 16 Sam Houston State	19-42
O 23 North Texas	37-34
O 30 SW Texas State +	20-17
N 6 Eastern Illinois	
N 13 McNeese State +	0-28
N 20 Stephen F Austin +	24-10
@ Al New Orleans, LA	

Coach: Sam Goodman • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Demons • 1992 Record: 7-4

NOTRE DAME Notre Dame, IN

S 4 Northwestern +	42-7
S 11 Michigan	17-17
S 18 Michigan State +	52-31
S 25 Purdue	48-0
O 2 Stanford	16-33
O 9 Pittsburgh +	52-21
O 16 Brigham Young	42-16
O 23 Southern Cal +	31-23
O 30 Navy @	38-7
N 13 Florida State +	
N 20 Boston College +	54-7
@ Al Philadelphia, PA	

Coach: Lou Holtz • Colors: Gold & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish • 1992 Record: 10-1-1

OHIO STATE Columbus, OH

S 4 Rice +	
S 11 Washington +	
S 18 Pittsburgh	
O 2 Northwestern +	31-7
O 9 Illinois	16-18
O 16 Michigan State +	27-17
O 23 Purdue	
O 30 Penn State +	
N 6 Wisconsin	16-20
N 13 Indiana +	27-10
N 20 Michigan	13-13

Coach: Charlie Sadler • Colors: Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1992 Record: 8-3

OHIO UNIVERSITY Athens, OH

S 4 North Carolina	
S 11 Central Michigan	0-24
S 18 Ball State +	21-24
S 25 Toledo *	
O 2 Virginia	14-31
O 9 Bowling Green +	
O 16 Kent +	27-14
O 23 Miami (OH)	21-23
O 30 Akron +	0-13
N 6 Western Michigan +	3-19
N 13 Eastern Michigan	6-7

Coach: Tom Lichtenberg • Colors: Kelly Green & White
Nickname: Bobcats • 1992 Record: 7-10

OKLAHOMA Norman, OK

S 4 Texas Christian	
S 11 Texas A&M +	
S 25 Tulsa +	
O 2 Iowa State	17-3
O 9 Texas @	24-34
O 16 Colorado +	24-24
O 23 Kansas +	10-27
O 30 Kansas State	16-14
N 6 Missouri	51-17
N 13 Oklahoma State +	15-15
N 26 Nebraska	9-33
@ Al Dallas, TX	

Coach: Gary Gibbs • Colors: Crimson & Cream
Nickname: Sooners • 1992 Record: 5-4-2

OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater, OK

S 11 SW Missouri State +	
S 18 Tulsa *	24-19
S 25 Arizona State	
O 2 Texas Christian +	11-13
O 7 Nebraska +	0-55
O 16 Missouri	28-26
O 23 Iowa State	27-21
O 30 Kansas +	18-26
N 6 Colorado +	0-28
N 13 Oklahoma	15-15
N 20 Kansas State +	0-10

Coach: Pat Jones • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Cowboys • 1992 Record: 4-6-1

OREGON Eugene, OR

S 4 Wyoming	
S 11 Fresno State	46-36
S 18 Washington State	10-35
S 25 Arizona +	14-14
O 2 Stanford	13-40
O 9 Pittsburgh +	52-21
O 16 Brigham Young	42-16
O 23 Southern Cal	31-23
O 30 Navy @	38-7
N 13 Florida State +	
N 20 Boston College +	54-7
N 20 Oregon	0-7

Coach: Jerry Pettibone • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Beavers • 1992 Record: 10-1-1

PACIFIC Stockton, CA

S 4 Texas Tech +	
S 11 Arizona	
S 25 Sacramento State +	
O 2 Washington State +	
O 9 Oregon State	
O 16 Northern Illinois	
O 23 New Mexico State +	
O 30 Nevada +	
N 6 Utah State	
N 13 Arkansas State +	
N 20 San Jose State	

Coach: Chuck Shelton • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 3-8

PENN STATE University, PA

S 4 Minnesota +	
S 11 Southern Cal +	
S 18 Iowa	
S 25 Rutgers +	38-24
O 2 Maryland	49-13
O 16 Michigan +	
O 30 Ohio State	
N 6 Indiana +	
N 13 Illinois +	
N 20 Northwestern	
N 27 Michigan State	

Coach: Joe Paterno • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Nittany Lions • 1992 Record: 7-5

PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh, PA

S 18 Dartmouth +	17-36
S 25 Bucknell	
O 2 Fordham +	13-10
O 9 Colgate	24-3
O 16 Columbia	34-21
O 23 Brown +	38-0
O 30 Yale	13-10
N 6 Princeton +	14-20
N 13 Harvard	21-19
N 20 Cornell +	14-7
@ Al Dallas, TX	

Coach: Al Bagnoli • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Quakers

PURDUE West Lafayette, IN

S. 4 North Carolina State	20-20
S. 11 Western Michigan+	42-14
S. 25 Notre Dame+	0-48
O. 2 Illinois+	17-20
O. 9 Minnesota+	24-20
O. 16 Wisconsin+	16-19
O. 23 Ohio State+	
O. 30 Iowa	27-16
N. 6 Michigan	17-24
N. 13 Michigan State+	13-35
N. 20 Indiana	13-10

Coach: Jim Colletto • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Boilermakers • 1992 Record: 4-7

RHODE ISLAND Kingston, RI

S. 4 Boise State*	
S. 11 Hofstra+	18-28
S. 18 Delaware+	14-31
S. 25 Northeastern+	26-35
O. 2 Brown	
O. 9 Massachusetts	7-32
O. 16 Maine+	9-21
O. 23 Boston University	21-34
O. 30 Villanova	3-34
N. 6 Connecticut+	0-38
N. 13 New Hampshire	13-20
(@) At Killarney, Ireland	

Coach: Floyd Keith • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Rams • 1992 Record: 1-10

RICE Houston, TX

S. 4 Ohio State	
S. 11 Tulane+	
S. 18 Sam Houston State+	45-14
S. 25 Iowa State+	
O. 2 Texas*	21-23
O. 9 Texas Christian+	29-12
O. 16 Texas Tech	34-3
O. 23 Texas A&M+	9-35
N. 6 Southern Methodist	28-13
N. 13 Baylor	34-31
N. 26 Houston+	34-61

Coach: Fred Goldsmith • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Owls • 1992 Record: 6-5

RICHMOND Richmond, VA

S. 4 VMI+	41-18
S. 11 James Madison	49-40
S. 18 New Hampshire	15-7
S. 25 Villanova	33-36
O. 2 Northeastern+	
O. 9 Maine	28-6
O. 18 Boston University+	37-27
O. 30 Connecticut+	28-30
N. 6 Massachusetts	13-7
N. 13 Delaware	29-21
N. 20 William & Mary	19-34
(@) At Portland, ME	

Coach: Jim Marshall • Colors: Blue & Red
Nickname: Spiders • 1992 Record: 7-4

RUTGERS New Brunswick, NJ

S. 4 Colgate+	41-0
S. 11 Duke+	
S. 25 Penn State	24-38
O. 2 Temple+	35-10
O. 9 Boston College+	20-37
O. 16 Army	45-10
O. 23 Virginia Tech	50-49
O. 28 Pittsburgh+	21-16
N. 6 West Virginia	13-9
N. 13 Miami	
N. 28 Syracuse+	28-50

Coach: Doug Greber • Colors: Scarlet
Nickname: Scarlet Knights • 1992 Record: 7-4

SACRAMENTO STATE Sacramento, CA

S. 4 Hayward State+	
S. 1 San Francisco St.	
S. 18 Eastern Washington+	
S. 25 Pacific*	
O. 9 St. Mary's+	
O. 16 Northridge State*	17-23
O. 23 Cal Poly-SLO	24-0
O. 30 Montana	
N. 13 UC Davis+	14-21
N. 20 Southern Utah+	14-17

Coach: Mike Clemons • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1992 Record: 7-3

ST. FRANCIS Loretto, PA

S. 4 Gannon+	20-20
S. 11 Marist+	42-14
S. 18 Sacred Heart	
S. 25 St. Peter's*	15-3
O. 2 Central Connecticut St.	
O. 16 Monmouth	
O. 23 Wagner	21-18
O. 30 Canisius	17-14
N. 6 Duquesne+	23-13
N. 13 Mercyhurst	13-38

Coach: Frank Pergolizzi • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Red Flash • 1992 Record: 8-2

ST. JOHN'S Jamaica, NY

S. 9 St. Peter's+	0-27
S. 18 Wagner	
S. 25 Siena	
S. 30 Marist+	15-23
O. 9 Pace	41-21
O. 16 Canisius	
O. 23 Sacred Heart	39-16
O. 30 Duquesne	21-27
N. 6 Georgetown	49-33
N. 12 Iona	33-30
N. 25 Stone Brook	

Coach: Bob Ricca • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redmen • 1992 Record: 5-5

ST. MARY'S Moraga, CA

S. 4 San Francisco State	17-14
S. 11 Hayward State+	10-6
S. 18 Sonoma State	21-26
S. 25 Humboldt State	43-6
O. 2 Chico State+	21-28
O. 9 Sacramento State*	
O. 23 Southern Utah	0-26
O. 30 UC Davis	26-30
N. 6 Western New Mexico	52-39
N. 13 Cal Poly-SLO	

Coach: Mike Rasmussen • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Gaels • 1992 Record: 6-4

ST. PETER'S Jersey City, NJ

S. 9 St. John's	39-5
S. 18 Siena	
S. 25 St. Francis (PA)+	3-15
J. 2 Monmouth	
O. 5 Georgetown	21-12
O. 10 Iona	
O. 23 Canisius	
O. 30 Assumption	14-21
N. 6 Central Connecticut St.	
N. 13 New Jersey St.	20-14

Coach: Roy Miller • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Peacocks • 1992 Record: 7-2

SAMFORD Birmingham, AL

S. 4 Greenville State*	
S. 11 Auburn	0-55
S. 18 Tennessee Tech	37-13
S. 25 Bethune-Cookman	42-11
O. 2 Nicholls State*	
O. 9 Central Florida	20-13
O. 16 Mississippi College	
O. 23 Youngstown State	
N. 6 JT Martin	42-25
N. 13 Southwest Missouri St.	
N. 20 Troy State	24-29

Coach: Chan Gailey • Colors: Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 9-3

SAM HOUSTON STATE Huntsville, TX

S. 11 SE Missouri	
S. 18 Rice	14-25
S. 25 Texas A&M Kingsville	
O. 2 Augie State	28-27
O. 9 Stephen F Austin	34-23
O. 15 Northwestern State	42-19
O. 23 McNeese State	14-37
O. 30 North Texas	34-14
N. 6 Nicholls State	19-19
N. 13 NE Louisiana	
N. 20 SW Texas State	22-22

Coach: Ron Randalman • Colors: Orange & White
Nickname: Bearcats • 1992 Record: 6-3-2

SAN DIEGO San Diego, CA

S. 4 Menlo College+	36-6
S. 11 La Verne+	21-21
S. 25 Dayton	
D. 9 Valparaiso	
D. 16 Evansville	21-20
D. 23 Butler	
D. 30 Cansius	
N. 6 Azusa Pacific	42-35
N. 13 Wagner	

Coach: Brian Fogarty • Colors: Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Toreros • 1992 Record: 7-2-1

SAN DIEGO STATE San Diego, CA

S. 4 Northridge St.	
S. 11 California	
S. 18 Air Force	17-20
S. 25 Minnesota	
S. 30 UCLA	
O. 9 Hawaii	7-35
O. 16 Colorado State	52-28
O. 20 New Mexico	20-13
O. 30 Utah	
N. 11 Brigham Young	45-38
N. 20 Fresno State	41-4
N. 27 Wyoming	6-17

Coach: Al Liguori • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Aztecs • 1992 Record: 5-5-1

SAN JOSE STATE San Jose, CA

S. 4 Louisville	
S. 1 Stanford	13-37
S. 18 Wyoming	28-24
S. 25 California	16-46
O. 2 Washington	
O. 16 New Mexico State	74-34
O. 23 Southern	
O. 30 Louisiana Tech	38-13
O. 30 UC Davis	39-35
N. 6 Nevada	1-35
N. 30 McNeese	28-27

Coach: John Ralston • Colors: Gold, White & Blue
Nickname: Spartans • 1992 Record: 7-4

SIENA Loudonville, NY

S. 11 Assumption College	21-12
S. 18 St. Peter's College	15-39
S. 25 St. John's (NY)	
O. 2 Georgetown	
O. 9 Rensselaer Polytechnic	6-26
O. 16 Bentley College	0-24
O. 23 Stony Brook College	0-40
O. 30 Iona College	7-32
N. 8 Canisius College	
N. 13 Marist College	12-28

Coach: Jack Wibors • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Saints • 1992 Record: 7-7

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

S. 4 Newberry	42-17
S. 11 Florida A&M	20-33
S. 18 Charleston Southern	2-0
S. 25 Southern	18-19
O. 2 Jackson State	3-41
O. 9 Morgan State	31-14
D. 16 Bethune-Cookman	35-7
D. 23 North Carolina Central	69-0
N. 30 Delaware State	28-7
N. 5 Howard	28-18
N. 20 North Carolina A&T	21-24

Coach: Sparky Woods • Colors: Garnet & Black

Nickname: Gamecocks • 1992 Record: 5-6

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE Orangeburg, SC

S. 4 Newberry*	42-17
S. 18 Prairie View A&M	12-7
S. 25 South Carolina SL	#
O. 2 Mississippi Valley	19-18
O. 9 Texas Southern	13-10
O. 16 Jackson State	34-6
O. 23 Alcorn State	24-25
O. 30 Nicholls State	24-27
N. 6 Florida A&M	6-16
N. 27 Grambling	27-30
@ Al Indianapolis, IN	

Coach: Willie Jenkins • Colors: Garnet & Blue

Nickname: Bulldogs • 1992 Record: 7-4

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

Cape Girardeau, MO

S. 4 SW Missouri St.	*
S. 11 Sam Houston St.	27-21
S. 18 Murray State	
S. 25 UT Martin	37-13
O. 2 Morehead State	17-20
O. 9 Tennessee Tech	14-49
O. 23 Middle Tennessee St.	16-30
O. 30 Austin Peay	15-21
N. 6 Eastern Kentucky	10-20
N. 13 Kentucky State	
N. 20 Tennessee State	27-38

Coach: John Mumford • Colors: Red & Black

Nickname: Indians • 1992 Record: 2-9

SOUTHERN UTAH Cedar City, UT

S. 4 Northern Arizona+	20-17
S. 11 Angelo State	17-10
S. 18 Central Oklahoma	20-21
S. 25 UC Davis+	
O. 9 Montana State	
O. 16 Cal Poly-SLO+	14-17
O. 23 St. Mary's	26-0
O. 30 Weber State	24-35
N. 6 Portland State+	18-35
N. 13 Northridge State	49-20
N. 20 Sacramento State+	17-14

Coach: Jack Bistrop

Colors: White, Scarlet & Royal Blue

Nickname: Thunderbirds • 1992 Record: 6-5

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Lafayette, LA

S. 4 Utah State+	
S. 11 Miami (OH)	
S. 18 Memphis State+	
O. 2 Southern Mississippi+	
O. 9 Tulane	
O. 16 Arkansas State	7-20
O. 23 Northern Illinois	15-23
O. 30 San Jose State+	13-38
N. 6 Florida	
N. 20 Nevada-Las Vegas	
N. 27 Louisiana Tech+	7-21

Coach: Nelson Stokley • Colors: Vermilion & White

Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns • 1992 Record: 2-9

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Springfield, MO

S. 4 SE Missouri St+	
S. 11 Oklahoma State	
S. 18 North Texas	35-10
S. 25 Indiana State+	28-31
O. 2 Northern Iowa	12-37
O. 9 Illinois State	24-21
O. 16 Jacksonville State	
O. 23 Southern Illinois	51-12
O. 30 Eastern Illinois	13-10
N. 6 Western Illinois	16-13
N. 3 Samford	

Coach: Jesse Branch • Colors: Maroon & White

Nickname: Bears • 1992 Record: 6-5

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

San Marcos, TX

S. 4 Texas A&M-Kingsville+	15-14
S. 11 Idaho	
S. 18 Liberty	
S. 25 Northern Iowa	
O. 9 North Texas	10-13
O. 16 NE Louisiana	6-13
O. 23 Nicholls State	38-13
O. 30 Northwestern State	17-20
N. 6 McNeese State	13-17
N. 1 Stephen F. Austin	17-14
N. 20 San Houston	22-22

Coach: Jim Bob Hedges

Colors: Maroon & Gold

Nickname: Bobcats • 1992 Record: 5-5-1

STANFORD Stanford, CA

S. 4 Washington	7-41
S. 11 San Jose State	37-13
S. 18 Colorado	
S. 25 UCLA	19-7
O. 2 Holy Dame	33-16
O. 16 Arizona	6-21
O. 23 Arizona State	
O. 30 Oregon State	27-21
N. 6 Southern Cal	23-9
N. 13 Oregon	2-7
N. 20 California	41-21

Coach: Bill Walsh • Colors: Cardinal & White

Nickname: Cardinals • 1992 Record: 7-3

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Nacogdoches, TX

S. 2 Idaho	
S. 11 Youngstown State	
S. 18 Livingston	
S. 26 Boise State	20-24
O. 9 Sam Houston State	23-24
O. 16 Nicholls State	21-6
O. 23 NE Louisiana	22-41
O. 30 McNeese State	3-28
N. 5 North Texas	11-21
N. 13 Southwest Texas	14-7
N. 20 Northwestern State	10-24

Coach: John Pearce • Colors: Purple & White

Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1992 Record: 3-8

SYRACUSE Syracuse, NY

S. 4 Ball State	
S. 9 East Carolina	42-21
S. 18 Texas	31-21
S. 25 Cincinnati	
O. 2 Boston College	
O. 16 Pittsburgh	41-10
O. 23 Miami	19-16
O. 30 West Virginia	20-17
N. 6 Temple	38-7
N. 13 Virginia Tech	28-9
N. 26 Rutgers	50-28

Coach: Pat Pasquale • Colors: Orange

Nickname: Orange & Black • 1992 Record: 3-9

TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville, TN

S. 4 Illinois State	
S. 11 Lock Haven	31-21
S. 18 Samford	13-37
S. 25 Morehead State	31-12
O. 2 Austin Peay	10-0
O. 9 SE Missouri State	49-14
O. 16 UT-Martin	17-13
O. 23 Eastern Kentucky	0-35
O. 30 Murray State	35-10
N. 6 Tennessee State	28-15
N. 10 Middle Tennessee St.	0-21

Coach: Mr. Paglini • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1992 Record: 7-4

TEXAS Austin, TX

S. 4 Colorado	
S. 18 Syracuse	21-31
S. 25 Louisville	
O. 2 Rutgers	10-35
O. 9 Army	
O. 16 Virginia Tech	7-26
O. 23 Akron	15-29
N. 30 Miami	0-48
N. 6 Syracuse	7-38
N. 13 West Virginia	
N. 20 Pittsburgh	20-27

Coach: Ron Dickerson • Colors: Cherry & White

Nickname: Owls • 1992 Record: 1-10

TENNESSEE Knoxville, TN

S. 4 Louisiana Tech	
S. 1 Georgia	34-3
S. 18 Florida	31-14
S. 25 Louisiana State	20-8
O. 2 Duke	
O. 9 Arkansas	24-25
O. 16 Alabama	10-17
O. 30 South Carolina	23-24
N. 6 Louisville	
N. 20 Kentucky	34-13
N. 27 Vanderbilt	29-25
@ Al Birmingham, AL	
% Al Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Philip Fulmer • Colors: Orange & White

Nickname: Aggies • 1992 Record: 9-3

UT-CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga, TN

S. 2 UT Martin	37-22
S. 11 Mississippi	
S. 18 Gardner-Webb	
S. 25 George Southern	
O. 2 Marshall	23-52
O. 16 VMI	34-37
O. 23 Western Carolina	13-44
O. 30 Appalachian State	17-37
N. 6 The Citadel	12-33
N. 13 East Tennessee St.	4-27
N. 20 Furman	7-35

Coach: Jimmy West • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Nickname: Moccasin • 1992 Record: 2-9

UT-MARTIN Martin, TN

S. 2 UT-Chattanooga	38-37
S. 11 Mississippi	
S. 18 Gardner-Webb	
S. 25 George Southern	
O. 2 Marshall	23-52
O. 16 VMI	34-37
O. 23 Western Carolina	13-44
O. 30 Appalachian State	17-37
N. 6 The Citadel	12-33
N. 13 East Tennessee St.	4-27
N. 20 Furman	7-35

Coach: Jim Miller • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Nickname: Mocs • 1992 Record: 3-8

TENNESSEE STATE Nashville, TN

S. 4 Florida A&M	22-26
S. 11 Jackson State	18-38
S. 18 Grambling	26-38
O. 3 Middle Tennessee St.	31-35
O. 9 Eastern Kentucky	26-49
O. 16 Austin Peay	35-14
O. 23 UT-Martin	23-15
O. 30 Morehead State	24-14
N. 6 Tennessee Tech	15-26
N. 13 Murray State	19-10
N. 20 SE Missouri St	37-27
@ Al Chicago, IL	
# Al Memphis, TN	
@ Al Louisville, KY	

Coach: Jim Davis • Colors: Navy Blue & White

Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 5-6

TEXAS SOUTHERN Houston, TX

S. 4 Prairie View A&M	35-0
S. 11 Alcorn State	36-46
S. 18 Nevada	14-38
S. 25 Central St. (OH)	30-17
O. 2 Kennesaw State	
O. 9 Southern	5-34
O. 16 Alabama State	30-28
O. 30 Grambling	17-24
N. 6 Jackson State	27-26
N. 13 East Texas St.	
N. 20 Mississippi Valley St.	13-25
@ Al Jackson, MS	

Coach: Walter Highsmith • Colors: Maroon & Gray

Nickname: Golden Hurricane • 1992 Record: 4-7

TEXAS TECH Lubbock, TX

S. 4 Pacific	
S. 11 Nebraska	
S. 18 Georgia	
S. 25 Baylor	
O. 2 Texas A&M	
O. 9 North Carolina St.	
O. 16 Rice	
O. 23 Southern Methodist	
O. 30 Texas Tech	
N. 4 Houston	
N. 6 Miami (OH)	
N. 23 Cincinnati	
N. 30 Kent	
N. 6 Central Michigan	
N. 13 Western Michigan	
N. 20 Morgan State	

Coach: Gary Pimpini • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Rockets • 1992 Record: 8-3

TOLEDO Toledo, OH

S. 4 Indiana	
S. 18 Southern Illinois	
S. 25 Ohio University	
O. 2 Bowling Green	
O. 9 Ball State	
O. 16 Miami (OH)	
O. 23 Cincinnati	
O. 30 Kent	
N. 6 Central Michigan	
N. 13 Western Michigan	
N. 20 Morgan State	

Coach: Gordy Combs • Colors: Gold & White

Nickname: Tigers • 1992 Record: 5-5

TOWSON STATE Towson, MD

S. 1 Cent. Connecticut	
S. 18 Delaware State	
S. 25 Charleston Southern	
O. 2 Connecticut	
O. 16 Howard	
O. 23 Buffalo	
O. 30 Hofstra	
N. 6 Delaware	
N. 13 Bucknell	
N. 20 Morgan State	

Coach: Larry Bradley

Colors: Cardinal, Grey & Black

Nickname: Trojans • 1992 Record: 10-1

TULANE New Orleans, LA

S. 4 Alabama-Birmingham	
S. 11 NW. Louisiana	38-14
S. 18 Illinois State	21-0
S. 25 Alabama State	31-14
O. 2 Charleston Southern	
O. 9 Liberty	
O. 23 Central State (OH)	
O. 30 Central Florida	
N. 6 Western Kentucky	
N. 13 Alcorn State	
N. 20 Seton Hall	

Coach: Buddy Trevins

Colors: Olive Green & Sky Blue

Nickname: Green Wave • 1992 Record: 2-9

TULSA Tulsa, OK

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UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S 4 California+	12-48
S 8 Nebraska+	
S 25 Stanford	7-19
S 30 San Diego State	35-7
O 9 Brigham Young+	17-10
O 16 Washington+	
O 23 Oregon State	26-14
O 30 Arizona	3-23
N 6 Washington State	17-30
NL 13 Arizona State+	0-20
M 20 Southern Cal	36-37

Coach: Terry Donahue • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bruins • 1992 Record: 6-5

UTAH Salt Lake City, UT

S 4 Arizona State	
S 11 Utah State+	42-18
S 18 Kansas	
S 25 Wyoming	38-7
O 2 Idaho+	
O 9 New Mexico+	7-24
O 16 UTEP	13-20
O 23 Colorado State+	33-29
O 30 San Diego State+	
N 6 Hawaii	38-17
N 13 Air Force	20-13
N 20 Brigham Young	22-31

Coach: Ron McBride • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Utes • 1992 Record: 6-6

UTAH STATE Logan, UT

S 4 SW Louisiana	
S 11 John	18-42
S 18 Baylor	10-45
S 25 Fresno State	
O 2 Louisiana State	
O 16 Nevada+	47-48
D 23 Nevada-Las Vegas	48-8
D 30 Brigham Young+	9-30
N 6 Pacific	38-35
N 13 Louisiana Tech	
N 20 New Mexico State	48-21

Coach: Charlene Weatherbie
Colors: Army Blue & White
Nickname: Aggies • 1992 Record: 5-6

VALPARAISO Valparaiso, IN

S 4 St. Ambrose	
S 11 St. Xavier	
S 18 Millikin	
O 2 San Diego	
O 9 Butler	13-42
O 16 Drake	
O 23 Evansville	
O 30 Dayton	
N 6 Michigan Tech	21-38
N 13 Northern Arizona	

Coach: Tom Horne • Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: Crusaders • 1992 Record: 3-8

VANDERBILT Nashville, TN

S 4 Wake Forest	6-40
S 11 Alabama+	8-25
S 18 Mississippi	31-9
D 2 Auburn	7-31
D 9 Cincinnati	
O 16 Georgia	20-30
D 23 South Carolina	17-21
N 6 Kentucky	20-
N 13 Navy	27-7
N 20 Florida	21-4
N 27 Tennessee	25-29

Coach: Gary DiNardo • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Commodores • 1992 Record: 4-7

VILLANOVA Villanova, PA

S 10 Northeastern	
S 18 Friedman	3-14
S 25 Richmond	35-32
O 2 Boston University	22-14
O 9 Connecticut	27-20
O 16 Delaware	20-2
O 23 William & Mary	
O 30 Rhode Island	34-3
O 6 New Hampshire	
N 13 James Madison	27-21
N 20 Liberty	

Coach: Andy Talley • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 9-3

VIRGINIA Charlottesville, VA

S 4 Maryland	28-15
S 1 New	5-0
S 16 Georgia Tech	56-24
S 25 Duke	55-28
O 2 Ohio University	
O 16 Florida State	3-13
O 16 North Carolina	7-27
O 30 U. of Ga. of Ga. S.	7-31
N 6 Wake Forest	31-17
N 13 Clemson	28-29
N 20 Virginia Tech	41-38

Coach: George Walsh • Colors: Orange & Blues
Nickname: Hokies • 1992 Record: 7-4

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

S 4 VMI	
S 8 East Tennessee St	16-18
S 25 Army	
O 7 William & Mary	6-2
O 9 Martha	16-34
O 16 St. Catharines	37-34-07
O 23 Georgia Southern	
O 30 Florida	12-4
N 6 Western Carolina	25-25
N 13 The Citadel	2-50
N 20 Appalachian State	12-27
N 20 Alcorn State	

Coach: Jim Shuck • Colors: Red White & Yellow
Nickname: Mules • 1992 Record: 6-5

VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

S 4 Virginia	
S 8 Pittsburgh	
S 12 Miami	23-43
S 25 Maryland	
O 6 West Virginia	7-15
O 6 Tulane	26-
O 23 Rutgers	42-50
O 30 East Carolina	27-30
N 6 Boston College	
N 13 Syracuse	4-28
N 20 Virginia	28-43

Coach: Hank Beamer • Colors: Maroon & Orange
Nickname: Hokies • 1992 Record: 7-4

WAGNER Staten Island, NY

S 11 CW Post	28-26
S 18 John Jay	27-0
S 25 Central Connecticut	
O 2 Iona	27-20
O 9 Duquesne	31-6
O 16 Pace	48-5
O 23 Francis Marion	48-6
O 30 Marist	42-7
N 6 Manhattan	
N 13 San Diego	

Coach: Walt Hamline • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Seahawks • 1992 Record: 7-4

WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, NC

S 4 Vanderbilt	40-6
S 11 North Carolina State	14-42
S 18 Appalachian State	10-7
S 25 Northwestern	
O 9 North Carolina	17-35
O 16 Clemson	18-15
O 23 Duke	29-14
O 30 Florida State	7-35
N 6 Virginia	17-31
N 13 Georgia Tech	23-10
N 20 Maryland	30-23

Coach: Jim Caldwell • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Demon Deacons • 1992 Record: 6-4

Seattle WA

S 4 Stanford	41-7
S 11 Ohio State	
S 25 East Carolina	
O 2 San Jose State	
O 9 California	35-16
O 16 UCLA	
O 23 Oregon	24-3
O 30 Arizona State	31-7
N 6 Oregon State	45-16
N 13 Southern Cal	17-10
N 20 Washington State	23-42

Coach: Dan James • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Huskies • 1992 Record: 9-3-0

WASHINGTON STATE Pullman, WA

S 4 Michigan	
S 11 Montana State	35-10
S 25 Southern Cal	21-31
O 2 Pacific	
O 9 Arizona State	20-18
O 16 California	
O 23 Arizona	23-20
N 6 Oregon	17-34
M 6 UCLA	30-47
N 20 Washington	42-23

Coach: Mike Price • Colors: Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Cougars • 1992 Record: 9-3

WEBER STATE Ogden, UT

S 4 Sonoma State	
S 11 North Idaho State	
S 18 Idaho	24-52
S 25 Montana State	47-9
O 2 Eastern Washington	14-32
J 9 Montana	24-7
O 16 Boise State	21-24
O 23 Nevada	23-21
O 25 Weber State	25-24
N 6 Northern Arizona	25-19
N 13 Idaho State	27-11

Coach: Dave Arslanian
Colors: Royal Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1992 Record: 6-5

WESTERN CAROLINA Cullowhee, NC

S 4 Kansas	
S 18 The Citadel	31-36
S 25 North Carolina A&T	
O 2 Furman	29-27
O 16 Georgia Southern	
O 16 East Tennessee St	41-12
O 23 Chattanooga	44-13
O 30 Newberry	
N 6 SW Missouri State	28-25
N 13 Appalachian State	12-14
N 20 Marshall	30-30

Coach: Steve Hodgin • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Catamounts • 1992 Record: 7-4

WESTERN ILLINOIS Macomb, IL

S 4 Montana State	
S 18 Eastern Michigan	23-24
S 25 Eastern Illinois	23-24
O 2 St. Louis	37-9
O 9 St. Peter's	50-42
J 16 Lenoir Rhyne	22-35
O 23 Northern Iowa	8-37
O 30 Western Kentucky	31-30
N 6 SW Missouri State	13-16
N 13 SIU Carbondale	42-30

Coach: Randy Zenner • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Leathernecks • 1992 Record: 7-4

WESTERN KENTUCKY Bowling Green, KY

S 2 Eastern Kentucky	7-21
S 11 Northern Illino	
S 18 Austin Peay	
S 25 Alabama-Birmingham	
O 2 Jacksonville St.	
O 16 Samford	
O 18 Southern Illinois	41-39
O 23 Indiana State	
O 30 Western Illinois	30-31
N 6 Troy State	
N 13 Eastern Illinois	7-28
N 20 Murray State	47-15

Coach: Jack Harbaugh • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Hilltoppers • 1992 Record: 4-6

WESTERN MICHIGAN Kalamazoo, MI

S 2 Youngstown State	
S 11 Purche	
S 18 Binghamton	24-20
S 25 Miami OH	7-20
O 2 Kent	26-13
O 9 Central Michigan	19-4
O 24 Eastern Michigan	20-19
O 20 Akron	
N 6 Ohio University	19-3
N 13 Toledo	12-21
N 20 Bowling Green	19-29

Coach: Al Molde • Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: Broncos • 1992 Record: 7-3-1

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown, WV

S 4 Eastern Michigan	
S 18 Maryland	34-33
S 25 Missouri	
D 2 Virginia Tech	16-7
O 9 Louisville	
O 23 Pittsburgh	44-6
O 30 Syracuse	17-20
N 6 Rutgers	9-13
N 13 Temple	
N 21 Miami	23-35
N 26 Boston College	24-24

Coach: Don Nehlen • Colors: Old Gold & Blue
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1992 Record: 5-4-2

WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, VA

S 4 New Hampshire	
S 11 Delaware	
S 18 Tulane	
S 25 Harvard	36-16
O 2 Virginia Military	21-16
O 16 Northeastern	
O 23 Villanova	
O 30 James Madison	14-21
N 6 Maine	
N 13 Massachusetts	
N 20 Richmond	34-19
@ 41 Norfolk, VA	

Coach: Jimmy Laycock
Colors: Green, Gold & Silver
Nickname: Tribe, Indians • 1992 Record: 9-2

WISCONSIN Madison, WI
S 4 Nevada	

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FLORIDA STATE

(11-1) "FSU's Defense Graduates to the NFL," screamed the headline in the Tallahassee Democrat on the day after pro football's draft.

So what? Florida State's Atlantic Coast Conference rivals wondered. Indeed, do not expect Florida State's loss of four defenders in the first two rounds of the NFL draft to upset the balance of power in the ACC. The offense will take care of any shortcomings. Only two starters are missing from the unit that ranked sixth nationally in total offense, 15th in passing, 27th in rushing, and third in scoring. Quarterback Charlie Ward, fourth nationally in total offense with 286 yards per game, again will direct the quick-strike attack. Although Ward missed spring practice following surgery to repair a shoulder injury, coach Bobby Bowden said, "I'm not really concerned about it." Ward threw four interceptions in each of the first two games last season but only nine the remainder of the way.

Sean Jackson and Tiger McMillon combined for more than 1,000 yards rushing and are back at tailback. William Floyd returns at fullback. Tamarick Vanover, the Seminoles' leading receiver and the ACC's Rookie of the Year, headlines a deep and talented corps of wide receivers. Four-year starter Robert Stevenson at tackle and three-year regular Robbie Baker at center are gone from the offensive line. Sophomore Forrest Conoly gets first crack at the tackle job, and Clay Sniver steps in at center. Patrick McNeil and Lewis Tyre return at guard. Marvin Ferrell at tackle, and Lonn Johnson at tight end.

The big hole to plug on defense is at linebacker, where Marvin Jones patrolled. He gave up his final season to join the NFL, and the New York Jets made him the fourth player

chosen. Three regulars are missing from the line and both safeties. But players such as outside linebacker Derrick Brooks, the No. 2 tackler last season, cure a lot of headaches. Junior Corey Sawyer, who had seven interceptions, returns at cornerback along with Clifton Abraham and Corey Fuller.

The Seminoles enter the season ranked in the top five in every poll and No. 1 in some including Street & Smith's. On merit

CLEMSON

(5-6) Clemson experienced the school's first losing season since 1976 last fall, and rivals are circling like sharks that smell blood in the water. Not so fast, warn the Tigers. Indeed, dismissing the Tigers would be a mistake. Although forced by injury to start three quarterbacks, Clemson missed an 8-3 record by three plays: one each in narrow losses to Florida State, Georgia Tech, and Wake Forest. But Clemson did not make the big play, especially on defense, all season and suffered the consequences. It failed against Florida State and Georgia Tech early and did not recover.

"We're going to be right back up there competing for the championship," coach Ken Hatfield said. To attain that goal this year, the Tigers must: 1) decide on a quarterback, 2) rebuild the offensive line, and 3) plugs holes in the secondary.

Patrick Sapp (6-4, 241), forced into action midway through his true freshman year, suffered from inexperience. But he came out of spring practice atop the depth chart at quarterback. Louis Solomon, who directed the Tigers to 11 touchdowns and two field goals on his 27 possessions, is No. 2. Solomon led Clemson from a 28-0 deficit to a 29-28 victory.

over Virginia. Richard Moncrief, who started six games last season, likely will move to wide receiver. Rodney Blunt, the top rusher for two straight years, returns at tailback, and Terry Smith is on course to become the school's career receiving leader. All-ACC Stacy Seegars at guard and Brent LeJeune at tackle make the right side of the offensive line formidable. Bryce Nelson steps in at center and sometimes starter Franklin Thomas is the probable tight end. Inexperience on the left side and overall depth could be problems.

The defensive front should be strong with Carlos Curry at middle guard and Warren Forney and all-ACC Brentson Buckner at the tackles. Derek Burnette and Tim Jones again will handle the inside linebacker spots. But the remainder of the defense is unproven. Only Darnell Stephens returns to the secondary, and he might move to outside linebacker.

Nelson Welch is a two-way threat with his kicking skills. He led the ACC in scoring with 89 points last season and already ranks seventh in the Clemson record book in career scoring after two seasons. He also averaged 40.1 yards on 63 punts.

NORTH CAROLINA

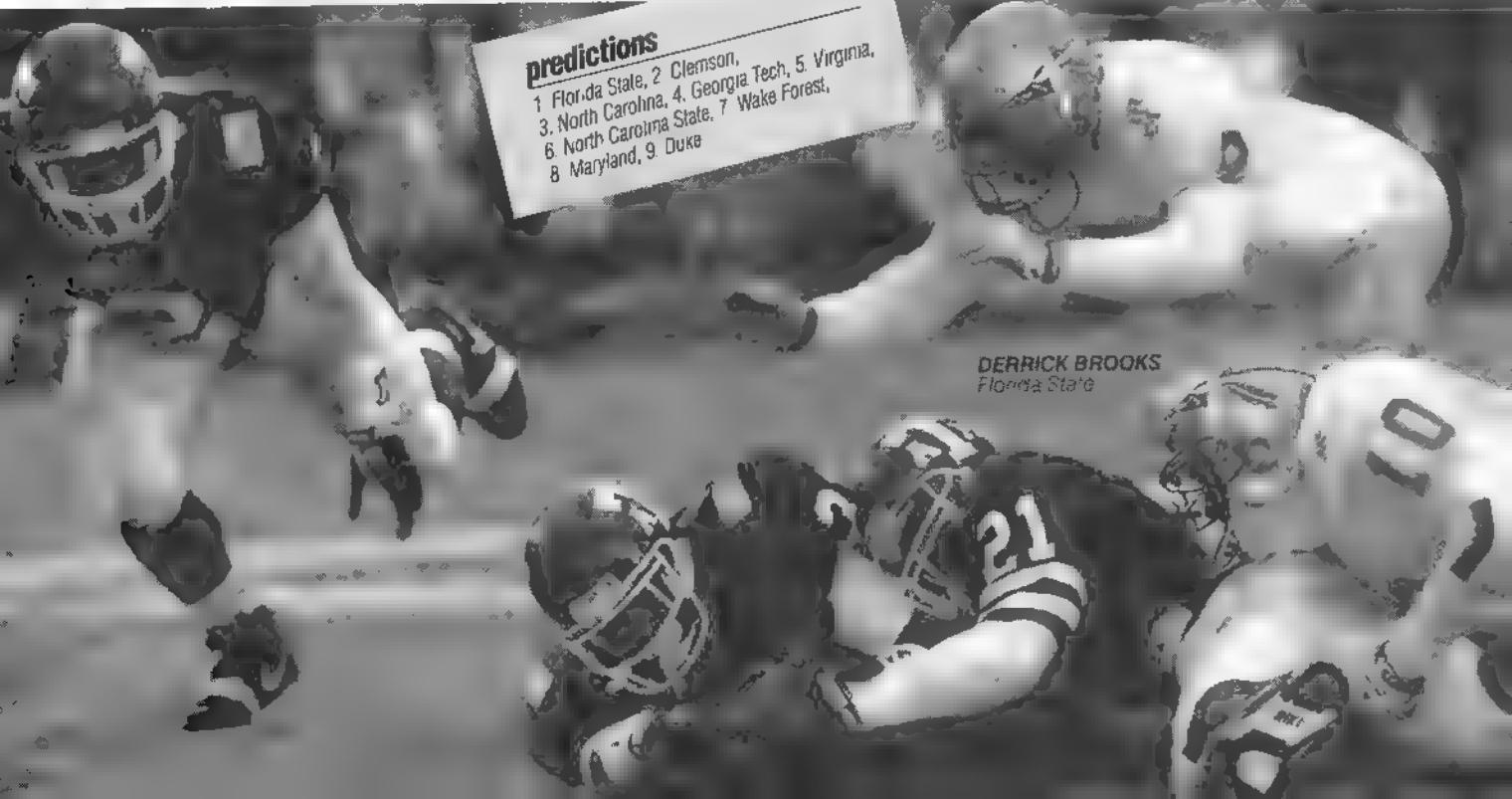
(9-3) The Tar Heels suffered some significant personnel losses after their best season in a decade, but the program has matured under coach Mack Brown, and the arsenal is far from empty. Upon arriving in Chapel Hill in 1987, Brown set a modest, short-term goal: Be competitive in every game. The Tar Heels achieved that, then they had a winning season, and now they have consecutive winning seasons and a bowl game.

Missing stars create some question marks, especially on defense, but the Tar Heels are

predictions

- 1 Florida State, 2 Clemson,
- 3 North Carolina, 4 Georgia Tech, 5 Virginia,
- 6 North Carolina State, 7 Wake Forest,
- 8 Maryland, 9 Duke

DERRICK BROOKS
Florida State



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past the point that one injury wrecks the team. Brown has developed depth in his five years and quality replacements abound. One significant factor is increased speed. "Our overall team speed is at such a different level now," Brown said. And speed is the ingredient the Tar Heels—and everybody else, for that matter—must have to challenge Florida State for league supremacy.

Six starters are gone from the defense, and Brown frets over the lack of experience. But defensive backs Bracey Walker and Sean Crocker, tackle Austin Robbins, and linebacker Bernardo Harris ease the pain. Walker, a second-team all-ACC choice, is a fierce hitter. He also blocked three punts, two in the Tar Heels' victory over Mississippi State in the

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threw for 831 yards, including 299 against Duke. Thomas also is the all-league punter. Tailbacks Means and Randy Jordan and fullback Mike Faulkerson are among the missing. Sophomore Curtis Johnson, who averaged 7.2 yards per carry, is the leading rusher returning. But the experienced line, led by guard Curtis Parker and tackle Ethan Albright, should create plenty of running room. Corey Holliday, who needs three catches to become the school's career leader, and Bucky Brooks are outstanding receivers.

GEORGIA TECH

(5-6) Florida State needed a successful on-side kick and late scoring march to escape with a 29-24 victory over the Yellow Jackets. But Georgia Tech more often struggled in its first season under coach Bill Lewis. Now, with no experienced personnel to replace record-breaking quarterback Shawn Jones and all-stars Coleman Rudolph and Scott Sisson, a bleak outlook might be expected. But that's not necessarily so.

Highly touted sophomore Donnie Davis, considered the nation's top high school quarterback three years ago, finally gets a chance to work his magic. He has 4.6 speed and an excellent arm and seems to be a perfect match for Lewis's high-powered offense. He will be joined by Tech's top five rushers from '92, an excellent wide receiver in Jason

McGill, and four line starters. Center Mike Cheever and tackle Jason Dukes, both sophomores, and senior guard Gary Brown lead what should be an imposing line. McGill provides a big-play threat. The senior split end averaged 19.1 yards on his 32 catches last season and scored six TDs. Fullback William Bell healthy after an injury-plagued '92 season, should easily exceed his 281 yards rushing. His presence allows Tech to experiment with moving Michael Smith, the leading rusher last season (336 yards), to defense.

Six starters return on defense, and Lewis wants more of an attacking style from the unit this season. "We need to force things and make them happen," he said. "Last fall, we developed into a tentative, passive defense." The outside-linebacker spots should be the unit's strongest positions. Marlon Williams starts on the weak side for the fourth year and Tom Johnson, who had 7½ sacks last season, is back on the strong side. Both starting insides are linebackers, Jamal Cox and Rodney Wilker-



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son, return, too. Rudolph's absence creates a yawning hole at one tackle, but Richard Kimsey starts on the opposite side for the third season and Elliott Fortune, who started five games last fall, is back at middle guard. Cornerback Lethon Flowers rejoins free safety Mike Williams in the secondary.

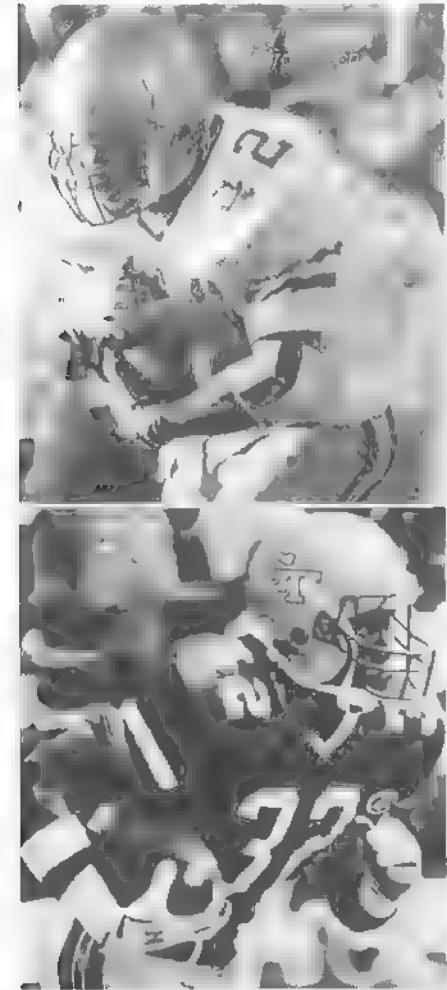
Replacing Sisson, who holds virtually every school kicking record, will be troublesome.



(7-4) The Cavaliers raced impressively to a 5-0 record in 1992 and built a 28-0 lead against old nemesis Clemson in game six. Then the season collapsed. Clemson rallied for an im-

probable 29-28 triumph and Virginia never recovered. Oh, the Cavaliers finished 7-4, but they can't help but wonder what might have been. Prospects for '93 will depend on the performance at quarterback, where coach George Welsh will start a different player for the fourth straight season. It is unlikely that the new starter will lead the league in passing efficiency for the fourth straight year. Virginia also must replace the school's career rushing leader, plug some gaps on the offensive line and compensate for the loss of All-America defensive end Chris Slade.

If Virginia stretches its streak of winning seasons to seven, the defense will be the rea-



son. Although Slade is missing, eight starters and 20 returners return to the unit. Senior P.J. Killian, the team's leading tackler, heads the list of five linebackers with starting experience. The cast includes No. 2 tackler Randy Neal, who returned two interceptions for touchdowns against Virginia Tech; No. 3 tackler Tom Burns, an academic All-American majoring in nuclear engineering; Curtis Hicks, who made 46 tackles and intercepted a pass, and seven-game starter Gene Toliver. End Mike Frederick and tackles Mark Krichbaum and Ryan Kuehi solidify the line. Safety Keith Lyle and cornerback Greg McClellan are experienced starters.

The quarterback scramble centers around junior B.J. Hawkins, sophomores Mike Groh and Symmion Williams, and redshirt freshman Tim Sherman. Groh, who played in six games and threw 27 passes last season, is the most

experienced. The starter will have big shoes to fill, for Bobby Goodman threw for 1,707 yards and 21 TDs last fall. Jerrod Washington and Kevin Brooks, who combined for 885 rushing yards in 1992, will share the tailback spot. They must take up the slack created by the absence of Terry Kirby, who led the team in rushing with 1,130 yards despite missing three games. Charles Way, who shared the position last season, takes over at fullback. Guard Mark Dixon, compared with former Virginia stars Jim Dombrowski and Ray Roberts by the coaches, anchors the line. Tackle Jim Reid and tight end Aaron Mundy, both two-year starters, join Dixon in providing a solid nucleus. Tyrone Davis (23 catches for 548 yards, a 23.8-yard average, and 7 TDs) and Pete Allen are big-play receivers.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(9-3-1) Only Florida State and Florida really solved the Wolfpack's 1992 defense, which restricted foes to 15.3 points per game and



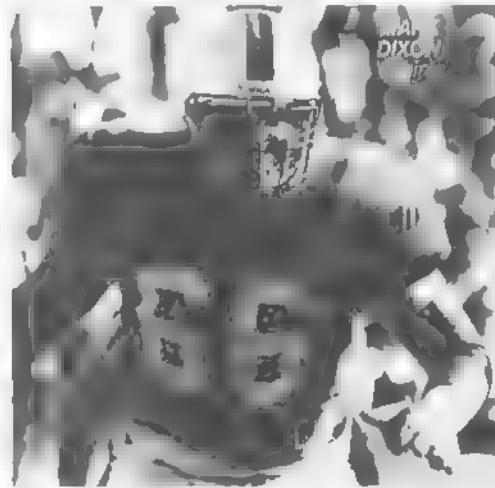
gobbled up 31 turnovers. But six stalwarts, including three starters in a crackerjack secondary, are missing, and matching those impressive statistics will be difficult. And the offense cannot be expected to take up the slack, for the entire backfield and three others must be replaced.

But don't shed too many tears for the Wolfpack too early. Coach Dick Sheridan's arsenal is seldom empty. A plus is the offensive line

where tackles George Hegamin and Eric Taylor, guard Shawn Johnson, and center Todd Ward return to starting roles. Although quarterback Terry Jordan, who completed 64 percent of his passes for 1,963 yards, is gone, Geoff Bender and Terry Harvey have starting experience. Gary Downs, the No. 3 rusher in '92, replaces Anthony Barbour (1,204 yards) at tailback. Leading receiver Eddie Gones (46 catches for 580 yards and 3 TDs), Robert Hinton (23-323-2) and Ray Griffis (17-241-1) form a solid receiving corps.

But the offense, which scored 14 or fewer points in five games last season, must improve production to offset the defensive losses. Four of the top five tacklers are missing. Inside linebacker Damien Covington (149 tackles) is an outstanding building block. Gregg Gannamore (67 tackles) should complement him and help atoms for the loss of leading tackler David Merritt. Tackles Carl Reeves and John Atkins solidify the front and Tyler Lawrence is proven at outside linebacker. The secondary though, requires rebuilding. Cornerback Dewayne Washington is the lone veteran starter. Missing are free safety Ricky Turner, corner Sebastian Savage, and strong safety Mike Reid, who combined for 269 tackles and nine interceptions in 1992.

A plus is the return of leading scorer Steve Videtic, who made all 38 of his extra points and 14 of 22 field goal attempts.



MIKE DOOLEY

(8-4) Seldom have the Demon Deacons looked forward to a football season with more justifiable optimism. They're coming off an 8-4 record that included the school's second-longest winning streak (6 games) and a dramatic 39-35 victory over Oregon in the Independence Bowl. A total of 42 veterans, including 10 starters, are back, and they step into '93 with new confidence and a new look. The confidence of course came from the surprising 1992 season and the new look is head coach Jim Caldwell, who replaces the retired Bill Dooley Caldwell, in his first head coaching job, comes to Winston-Salem after spending seven seasons on Joe Paterno's staff at Penn State. He had also served previously under Howard Schnellenberger, Bill McCartney and Dennis Green.

The Deacons must replace quarterback Keith West, who threw for 2,301 yards and 13 TDs last season. Sophomore Rusty LaRue and senior Jim Kemp battled for the job in spring practice, and LaRue had the better

Spring game (14-for-26 for 272 yards and 2 TDs). Whoever the starter is, he will make senior Todd Dixon his prime target. Dixon has averaged 18 yards on 106 catches, including 20 for touchdowns, in his three seasons. He added five receptions for 166 yards and two scores in the Independence Bowl. The running game should be in good hands with seniors John Leach (575 yards) and Ned Moultrie (717) at tailback and senior Mitch Kennedy and junior Wendell Wells at fullback. Add redshirt freshman Stacie Gresham to the mix. He led all rushers in the spring game with 78 yards and a pair of touchdowns on just seven carries. Three starters—center Eddie McKeel, guard Kevin Smith, and tackle Elton Ndoma-Ogar— are back in the interior offensive line.

NED MOULTRIE
Wake Forest



DAVID WAFFLE



and senior Davie Lowe figures to fill one vacancy, experienced personnel is otherwise scarce. Walter Rasby gets the call to replace three-time all-ACC tight end John Henry Mills.

Seven defensive regulars are gone, but Dred Booze and Jay Williams are back in the line, and leading tackler Kevin Giles returns at linebacker. Richard Goodpasture and Kevin Cole (5 interceptions in 5 starts) lead a secondary that must be rebuilt.

TERPS

(3-8) The Terps set 27 school and eight conference records yet won only three games. But five losses came by a touchdown or less, and only Penn State and Florida State crushed them. Year two of coach Mark Duffner's restructuring project promises more of the same glittering offensive statistics, but the defense must improve substantially before the number in the victory column rises appreciably. "We played very well against Clemson, a 52-23 victory a week after a 69-21 loss to Florida State," said Duffner, "but we can't go one week playing well and the next not so well."

Quarterback John Kaleo and wide receiver Marcus Badgett, chief authors of the rewritten record book, are gone, and finding a quarterback is the first priority. Scott Milanovich is the heir apparent, and Duffner likes his potential. If Milanovich delivers, the Terps again will be a statistician's nightmare. Tailback Mark Mason (5-8 and 191 pounds) lacks only durability. He has led the ACC in all-purpose yards in each of the last two seasons. But injuries have curtailed his efforts. "He's healthy right now, and he is the key to our running game," Duffner said. The top four receivers are gone, but back are Wade Inge (26 catches) and

speedster Jermaine Lewis (30). Tackle Steve Ingram heads an improved offensive line that also includes Dave Hack, Jade Dubis, and Jamie Bragg. "That's the strength of the team," Duffner said.

The defense kept the Terps close in most games, but the big play and inconsistency plagued the unit. Nose tackle Jim Panagos and end Mark Sturdivant are proven, but experience is limited at the tackles. Sophomore Tim Brown and seniors Chad Wiestling and Jaime Flores have started at linebacker. Sophomore cornerback Mike Lacy and junior safety Angie Guerra enjoyed strong games in the season-ending romp over Clemson.

DEVILS

(2-9) If experience counts, the Blue Devils are wealthy. They return nine starters on offense and eight on defense for coach Barry Wilson. The key to improvement will be the defense. The Blue Devils surrendered an average of 31 points per game a year ago—too many even for an offense that scored 25 or more in six games. Better luck will help, too. Duke lost four close games.

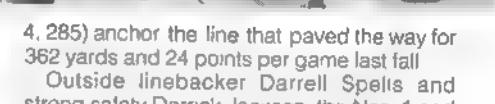
Although one of the few absentees is Randy Cuthbert, who led the team in rushing (1,031 yards) and receptions (37), offense will be Duke's strength. Spence Fischer, who shared the quarterback duties with Steve Prince last season, has the job alone and looks to improve on his 1,505 yards passing. His chief targets will be tight end Dan Clark (30 catches for 285 yards and 4 TDs) and wide receivers Brad Breedlove (29-479-2) and Stanley Dorsey (23-291-3). Leroy Gallman, who carried only eight times for 32 yards last season, moves in at tailback. Robert Baldwin (312 yards and 7 TDs) returns at fullback. Guards P.J. Schunke (6-4, 300) and Steve Alderfer (6-



MIKE THOMAS
North Carolina



MARK MASON
Maryland



4, 285) anchor the line that paved the way for 362 yards and 24 points per game last fall.

Outside linebacker Darrell Spells and strong safety Derrick Jackson, the Nos. 1 and 3 tacklers, must be replaced. Inside linebacker Scott Berdan leads the unit. Assistance will come from tackle David Waffle (6-6, 270) whose 71 tackles included a team-leading four sacks and 13 other tackles for losses, and outside linebacker Brad Sherrod, who collected 70 tackles. Improving its turnover ratio would be a giant stride forward for Duke. The Blue Devils had 33 giveaways (19 interceptions, 14 fumbles) and only 21 takeaways (10 interceptions, 11 fumbles).

Independents

Predictions

1. East Carolina, 2. Liberty, 3. Towson State, 4. Davidson, 5. Charleston Southern

With the reshaping of the college football landscape, the number of independents in the Atlantic Coast area continues to dwindle. William & Mary and James Madison take up residence in the Yankee Conference this fall, leaving East Carolina the only I-A independent around and reducing the I-AA independents to Liberty, Towson State, Davidson, and Charleston Southern.

East Carolina struck a blow for the "little guys" in 1991, putting together a fairy tale



season that ended with an 11-1 record and a thrilling come-from-behind win over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl. But the Pirates came back to earth in 1992. Don't expect a season like '91 from any of the area independents this year. Nevertheless, 1993 should be exciting. East Carolina features big-play performers in quarterback Michael Anderson, running back Junior Smith, and wide receiver/return specialist Morris Letcher. Liberty expects wide receivers James McKnight and Maurice Jones to post some big numbers. And Towson State anticipates an improved offense over its record-smashing unit.

Defense? Well, that's mostly a word in the dictionary. The area independents more often got into scoring duels, and improvement on defense is a must before they can dream of a season like East Carolina's in 1991.

East Carolina

(5-6) The Pirates continued to collect yardage in wholesale lots, but they gave up a mountain of real estate, too. Thus, they followed the school's best-ever mark with a mediocre record. Look for the Pirates to make the statisticians work overtime to keep up with their offensive production again this season. Eight starters return from the unit that racked up 421 yards and 26 points per game. But coach Steve Logan must strengthen his defense to improve the record. East Carolina yielded 457 yards and 33 points per game.

Running back Junior Smith is short on size (5-6, 174), but he is long on ability and will be the key man in the running game. He rushed for 1,037 yards, averaging 5.6 per carry last season. He burned Arkansas State for 232 yards and scored three touchdowns against Bowling Green. Quarterback Michael Anderson, who usually came off the bench last season, starts at quarterback with a goal of curbing turnovers. Although he completed 56 percent of his passes for 2,486 yards and 22 TDs, he threw 23 interceptions (five against Southern Mississippi). His primary targets will be Morris Letcher, who led the team with 47 catches for 557 yards and five TDs, collected

MORRIS LETCHER
East Carolina



1,626 all-purpose yards, and set seven school records. Tight end Carlester Crumpler (38 catches, 524 yards, 4 TDs) is another threat. Three regulars return on the offensive line.

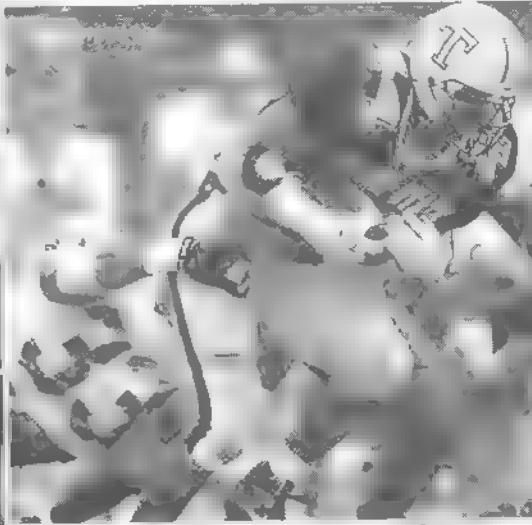
Six starters are back on defense, including Bernard Carter, who broke the school record with 11 sacks last season. But the Pirates need more like him. They surrendered 253 yards per game rushing, and opponents completed 60 percent of their passes.

Towson State

(7-4) If quarterback Travis Wilemon delivers, the Flames will be difficult to handle. The other ingredients for a first-class football team are in place. Coach Sam Rutigliano returns eight offensive and six defensive starters, and they will face a less taxing schedule.

Wilemon, who has a bit of game experience, replaces Robby Justino, who owns most of the school's passing records. Adrian Cherry (773 yards rushing) and Matt Council (501) head a deep cast of running backs, and the receivers are superb. Maurice Jones caught 53 passes for 702 yards and seven TDs. James McKnight caught 50 for 711 yards and five TDs in only nine games. Two-year starter Eric Autenreith at guard leads the line. If the offense stalls, the Flames can call on junior kicker Daniel Whitehead, who made 34 of 36 extra points and 12 of 14 field goals.

Linebacker Dion Krause heads a defense that could be the school's best in several seasons. Krause took part on 137 tackles. He added five sacks and intercepted four passes. Bobby Walker (53 tackles, 5 sacks) and Manson Clark are strong on the front. The secondary must replace three regulars, but that's a bit deceiving. Calvin Thompson moves from linebacker, where he started last season and made 89 tackles, to strong safety and senior Shelton Lewis is back after missing most of 1992 with a hand injury. Cornerback Chris Hadley (80 tackles, 3 interceptions) is the returning starter.



(5-5) The Tigers won more games last season than in the three previous years combined, and coach Gordy Combs can't wait for his second season at the helm to begin. Most of the key players return, and 25 of the top 47 are seniors. "This team has a lot to look forward to," said Combs, an assistant at Towson for 19 years before getting the head job last season. "I'm concerned about our depth at a couple of places, but we have an excellent nucleus coming back."

No wonder he is optimistic. Tackles Kar Nieberlein and John Loch are four-year starters who anchor a line that permitted only nine sacks on 363 pass plays last season. They paved the way for the Tigers to record a school-record 4,383 yards. "If we can block adequately enough to give these people time to perform, we're going to put more than a few

Rich Riggins

atlantic coast

points on the scoreboard," Combs said. "These people" include quarterback Dan Crowley who has thrown for 4,105 yards and 30 touchdowns (but also 40 interceptions) in two seasons. Big-play man Mark Orlando (35 catches, 730 yards, 8 TDs) leads the receiving corps and record-breaking tailback Tony Vinson (the running attack Vinson, a transfer from Purdue, set school records for single-game (261) and season (1,042) rushing yards despite suffering a knee injury in the first quarter of the eighth game. If he is not fully recovered, Brian McCarty is more than capable.

The defense which yielded more than 30 points in five games, should be improved. "The line is solid and the secondary could be one of our best ever," Combs said. Mike Arbulina and Dan Nata return at inside linebacker.



KEVIN THIGPEN
Western Carolina

and nose tackle Mike Curcio and end Rob Stanavitch anchor the line. Free safety Aaron Bates and cornerback Marcellus Campbell lead the secondary.

DAVIDSON

After competing for the last three years in Division III, the Wildcats will play this fall as a non-scholarship member of Division I-AA. But because there are so few schools in their area in the same classification, they will still face 10 Division III opponents. Head coach Dave Fagg returns 19 starters from the team that won four of its last five games to finish at 500.

Senior cornerback Alden Smith, who had 55 tackles and a team-high seven interceptions, is the top honors candidate. Nose guard Mills Ainal anchors the line and Chris Leak, John Dalton, Mark Hemby and Billy Evans the linebacking. Richard Howell returns for his fourth season at quarterback. He threw for 1,097 yards and nine touchdowns and led the Wildcats in rushing with 301 yards. Fullback Bruce Bannister had 251 yards, most of them in the final five games. Senior tackle Jack Barry, who has started the last 28 games, is the most experienced lineman.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

Head coach David Dowd welcomes back 13 starters from the 3-7 team that will compete for the first time in Division I-AA in September. But an imposing schedule features road dates with Troy State, Liberty, South Carolina State and Towson State.

Linebacker Jon Belk is one of seven returning defensive regulars that also includes free safety William Penn, cornerback Chris Toney, linebacker Wesley Watts, and linemen Dennis Hamilton and Carlos Hinton. Junior quarterback Brad Johnson, the Buccaneers' leading rusher, will be rejoined in the backfield by D'Angelo Dereef, who averaged 6.7 yards per carry. But the offense that was shut out three times and held to one touchdown in two other games last fall, needs bolstering.

is. "I don't know what they're thinking, because cutting scholarships is not going to save money because you'll lose your biggest revenue games. With 45 scholarships, you wouldn't be able to play the Clemses or the Dukes or Georgia Techs, and that will cost you a ton of money." The NCAA could address the issue in January. Stay tuned.

The league has one new face along the sidelines this season. After a winless conference season in '92, Tennessee-Chattanooga dumped coach Buddy Nix in favor of South Carolina co-defensive coordinator Tommy West, who will quickly find that winning in the Southern Conference won't be easy.

southern conference

predictions

1. Western Carolina, 2. Marshall,
3. Georgia Southern, 4. The Citadel,
5. Furman, 6. Appalachian State,
7. East Tennessee State, 8. UT-Chattanooga,
9. Virginia Military Institute

It's a marriage made in football heaven. Take the best program in the NCAA's Division I-AA (Georgia Southern) and merge it with the best league in the division (Southern Conference). And it means that the best just got better. It also means that this season, the Southern will be an even tougher conference, tougher than the group that sent a division-high three teams to the I-AA playoffs in 1992, including eventual national champion Marshall.

What does Georgia Southern contribute to the mix? The Eagles own four national championships (1985, '86, '89, and '90) and a reputation for football excellence. They were voted into the Southern Conference in January of '91, but had to wait until this season to compete for the football title. The Eagles join an impressive group. Since 1982, the SC has



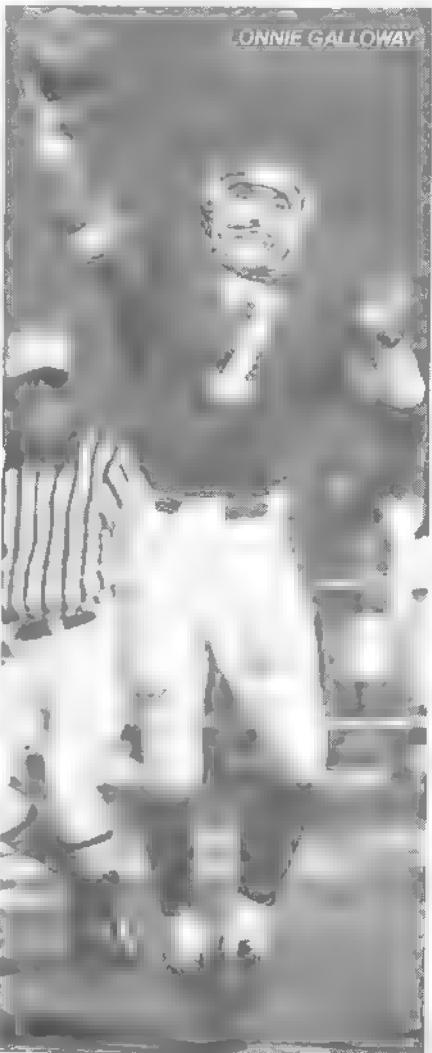
sent three different teams to a total of six I-AA title games. In addition to Marshall, Furman won the championship in 1988. And six SC members have reached the playoffs. But there could be a problem on the horizon. A majority of I-AA schools surveyed this spring want to cut football scholarships from 63 to 45. All nine Southern Conference members are dead set against the proposal.

"We voted to stay right where we are," said Western Carolina athletic director Larry Trav-

catamounts

Picking the Catamounts No. 1 is a tribute to what coach Steve Hodgin has accomplished in just three seasons in Cullowhee. After 3-8 and 2-9 records, Hodgin turned it around last year with a 7-4 mark that included an impressive effort in a 37-19 loss at Georgia Tech. Compare that with Hodgin's first try against a Division I-A foe, a 67-0 loss to NC State in 1990 in which Western had no first downs.

The Catamounts return 16 starters plus both kickers. They have perhaps the league's top quarterback in Lonnie Galloway who completed 61 percent of his passes for 2,181 yards and 20 TDs for an offense that averaged 415.2 yards a game last year. His top targets, flanker Kerry Hayes and split end Craig Aiken might be the best two receivers in the league.



An example of the Catamounts' new-found depth is tailback, where Kevin Thigpen became the first WCL player to rush for over 1,000 yards (1,079) since 1977. He's being pushed by Georgia Tech transfer Tim Johnson who had an outstanding spring camp. The main question mark is the offense's wide receiver. Three starters, including all-SC guard Todd Harkins, must be replaced. Eight regulars return on defense, including four all-conference selections: nose guard Tony Johnson, free safety Julius Grant, strong safety Stanley Marrow, and inside linebacker Tom Bodine.

So Western, a league doormat three short years ago, is now the big dog on the SC block. But we shouldn't really be surprised. Hodgin gets things done fast. Following last season, the burly coach decided he was a bit too burly. So he went on a diet and lost 58 pounds.

MARSHALL

Last season, the Thundering Herd thundered over just about everyone, a brilliant offense (42.3 ppg) more than making up for an occasionally suspect defense. The season ended in fairy tale fashion, with Marshall taking the national title from Youngstown State in a 31-28

Ricky Carter, who caught 29 passes for 437 yards in the Herd's last four games. Many of the other big names, wide receiver Troy Brown and running back Orlando Hatchett, for example, are gone. It won't matter. Jim Donnan will dip into his mountain of talent, and the Herd will thunder on.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Last season the Eagles were a respectable 7-4, so it's hard to say that fourth-year coach Tim Stowers is on the hot seat. But Georgia Southern fans, after all those titles, expect more than 7-4. Stowers gave it to them in 1990, the year he replaced the legendary Erk Russell. That team finished 12-3 and won it all. And Eagles' fans expected the dynasty to roll on and on. Instead a pair of those 7-4s has followed. It gets tougher this season. In the past, the independent Eagles could beef up their records (and play lots of home games) against a few extra cupcakes each year. With a league schedule awaiting, that's no longer an option. This time, the eight SC games are packaged with nonconference meetings with Savannah State, Concord, and (gulp) Miami. Yes, that Miami.

Stowers doesn't want to juggle quarterbacks again this season so he's given the nod to Joe Dupree over junior classmate Charles Bostick. That despite the fact that Bostick accounted for 1,125 yards of total offense and scored nine TDs a year ago. The team's strength will be defense, where nine starters return, led by senior All-American Alex Mash. The appropriately named Mash had eight tackles for loss. All three starting

starters, are gone, and Taaffe must virtually start over. The biggest loss is quarterback Jack Douglas, who finished his career as Division I-AA's all-time leading rusher at the position. Behind him, the 1992 Citadel team led the division in rushing out of its wishbone offense, averaging 345.5 yards per game.

So who takes over? The new guy is expected to be junior C.J. Haynes, who completed 11 of 15 passes in limited duty last year. Most of the time he'll simply hand off to fullback Everette Sands, who rushed for a whopping 1,449 yards. Taaffe has got to hope Sands has enough time to get out of the backfield. The entire offensive line, which included All-Americans Carey Cash, Lance Hansen, and Brett Copeland, was lost to graduation.

Across the line, the Bulldogs are in better shape, with six starters back from the unit that led the nation in scoring defense (13.0). The line, keyed by end Garrett Sizer, should be a strength, and two starters return at linebacker. It gets dicey in the secondary, though. All-



America safety Lester Smith and two other regulars are gone, so it's unlikely The Citadel will rank sixth in pass efficiency defense (93.6) again.

Last season was fun, as all the pieces fit well. This season will have its moments, but not enough of them to make the Bulldogs top dogs again in the conference.

FURMAN

At first glance, last season was an aberration for the Paladins, a 6-5 effort for a program that seems to live at the top of the league. But the facts, Furman's glittering records are glittering less these days as the league becomes more competitive. Coach Jimmy Satterfield replaced Dick Sheridan in 1988 and promptly turned in a 13-2 record and a national title. Since then, he's followed with marks of 12-2, 9-4, 7-4, and that 6-5. In a sense, though, the Paladins recruit with one arm tied behind their backs, because of perhaps the league's most stringent academic requirements. And now, other programs are working just as hard, but with fewer restrictions.

The Paladins return 13 starters but there are some important holes to fill, most notably at tailback, previously the domain of Carl Tremble, the SC's all-time leading rusher with 4,746 yards. Senior Billy Whitley, Tremble's backup for three seasons, may finally get to show his stuff. That is, if the Paladins don't make fullback Rod Green, who picked up 402



linebackers—Paul Carroll, Darius Dawson, and Nick Davis—return and the three were the Eagles' leading tacklers in '92. In addition, three starters are back in the secondary. Look for the Eagles, who had three shutouts last season, to play superb defense again. But if they finish 7-4 against this schedule, the school should extend Stowers's contract.

THE CITADEL

Last year, coach Charlie Taaffe's Bulldogs were sensational, with a school record 11-2 season that included a Southern Conference championship, a stunning 10-3 upset at Arkansas, and a trip to the I-AA playoffs. That team was built on seniors, seasoned and smart. Now those 25 seniors, including 14

thriller before an overflow crowd of 31,304 in Marshall Stadium. What, after that school-record 12-3 season, will coach Jim Donnan's charges do for an encore? Don't expect a championship replay, although it's not impossible. The setting is favorable. (Marshall is hosting the title game again.) But Michael Payton won't be back. The Herd was basically picked up and carried by quarterback Payton, the I-AA Player of the Year. He tore up the Marshall record book and rewrote it. Now Donnan has to replace Payton's 3,744 yards of total offense and 35 touchdowns.

He's going with his son, junior Todd Donnan, and this isn't a case of favoritism. Donnan actually has a better arm than the more athletic Payton. Last year, the younger Donnan showed poise under pressure when Payton was hurt, taking over in the second-round playoff game with Middle Tennessee and quarterbacking a 35-21 victory. For the season, he completed 49 of 83 passes for 741 yards and six TDs. Donnan is one of 61 returning lettermen. While only four offensive and six defensive starters are back, the Herd has a stockpile of quality talent just waiting its chance. A good example is wide receiver

yards rushing last season, the focus of the running game. Heath Brownstead and O.J. Davis could also get some playing time, although Brownslead may wind up at tight end. Quarterback fails to Philly Jones, who took over midway through 1992 and completed 77 of 130 passes for 893 yards and five TDs. Furman led the conference in total defense (310.8 yards per game) last fall, but returns just five starters. End Ryan Livezey and cornerback Andre Worrell are all-SC performers.

APPALACHIAN STATE

The Mountaineers were 7-5 last year and made the playoffs in coach Jerry Moore's fourth season, but then came the exodus. Appalachian lost 15 starters, including three All-Americans: punter Harold Alexander, defen-

sive tackle Avery Hall, and outside linebacker Rico Mack. In addition, D.J. Campbell, the school's all-time winningest quarterback, must be replaced.

Cavan, of course, is still developing his program. And that means that even with W'ngate and Mars Hill on the schedule, another 5-6 season would be just fine.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

Tommy West, who takes over as head coach for Buddy Nix after the Mocs finished 0-7 in the league and 2-9 overall, has a reputation for building defenses. He did good work in that area at both Clemson and South Carolina. He'll need to do a lot more of it now. Last season, the Mocs surrendered 35.6 points and 413.9 yards per game. They never gave up fewer than 20 points in a game, even yielding 28 to Tennessee-Martin. And no conference opponent scored fewer than 27 on them.

Now to rebuild, and there is some talent available among the 14 starters and 38 lettermen who return. Quarterback Kenyon Earl threw for 1,055 yards a year ago despite a string of injuries. He'll have a lot of help in the backfield. Leading rusher Jerry Ellison (814 yards) is back, as is James Roberts, who was injured last season after piling up 2,685 yards rushing in the previous three. Also, tight end Demarko Kemp and split end Bobby Acres (21 catches each) return along with three starters on the offensive line. So the Mocs should be able to score. Unfortunately many of their drives may start after their opponents' kickoffs. Leading tackler David Masterson is gone from defensive end, and while the secondary is experienced, the entire linebacking crew must be replaced. West will improve the defense eventually, but he may be living on Rolaids this year.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

Like The Citadel, its fellow military school in the Southern Conference, VMI runs the wishbone. Unlike The Citadel, its results haven't been all that great recently. Now coach Jim Shuck, entering his fifth season in Lexington with a 13-30-1 mark, will try again. As usual, there are holes to fill. Last season, the 3-8 Keydets weren't that bad offensively, averaging 22.3 points per game. But the keys to making that wishbone go, quarterback Tony Scales and halfback Marcus Mines, are gone.

At quarterback, Shuck must choose between Erik Reynolds (205 yards rushing, 86 passing) and Spike Johnson (37 rushing, 111 passing). The job remains a tossup headed into fall practice. Eric Walker leads a strong cast at running back. Three starters are gone from the offensive line, but split end Marion Anderson, the SC Freshman of the Year in '92 with 19 catches, is back and should get more opportunities as VMI tries to diversify its attack. The defense, featuring linebacker Camillus Musselman (127 tackles), has seven regulars back, but they return from a unit that allowed an average of 367.9 yards. Help comes from strong safety Dewayne Arkadie, who missed most of '92 with a knee injury.

predictions

1. South Carolina State,
2. North Carolina A&T 3. Florida A&M.
4. Delaware State, 5. Howard.
6. Bethune-Cookman, 7. Morgan State

In the world of college football, the words "balance" and "parity" seem to creep up more and more with each passing year. On some occasions, the words are overused. But on others, they don't quite do the situation justice. This year's race for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship falls into the latter category. Over the last several seasons, the gap between the league's upper and lower echelons has narrowed so much that the line is almost no longer discernible, making preseason predictions an exercise in futility. Just about any team can take out any other. The race this season will be no different. South Carolina State may have the premier athletes, Morgan State the best crop of skill-position players, Howard the No. 1 quarterback and Florida A&M the top pro prospect. Bethune-Cookman may be the team no wants to play late in the year. And we haven't even mentioned North Carolina A&T and Delaware.



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State, who have combined to win at least a share of the league title in three of the last four seasons. So who will win this year? We may have to wait until the league's final game is over to find out.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(7-4, 4-2) As the MEAC title race drew to a conclusion last season, the eyes of most observers were glued to Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T. But when the smoke cleared, it was actually South Carolina State that nearly pulled out the title. A touchdown in the waning minutes by A&T in the last regular season game for both teams edged S.C. State at the tape. The 24-21 loss sent the Bulldogs tumbling to third place and left them to look ahead to this season—one that just might produce the ending State was looking for last fall.

The Bulldogs have led the nation's I-AA schools in total defense for the last two years. The keys for this year's unit are tackle Anthony Cook, monster man Patrick Scott, linebacker Craig James, and safety James Hester. The

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

A year ago at this time, the Buccaneers were coming off a dismal 1-10 season and more of the same was expected. But new coach Mike Cavan refused to permit it, and the Bucs wound up with a respectable 5-6 mark that included two conference victories. Taking the next step will be a little more difficult.

Seventeen starters return eight each on offense and defense along with kicker Pat Crust. If the Bucs can avoid major injuries, they should be able to compete with most of their conference rivals. Three all-league candidates return tailback Derrick Hollins (689

trick for coach Willie Jeffnes will be putting the right pieces in place around them. He has a slew of talented players, but they must make the transition from part- to full-time duty. Until the defense gels, the offense may have to carry the show. It is capable of doing just that. Marvin Marshall, a diminutive but deadly quarterback, is one of the league's top returning rushers and also threw for nearly 600 yards in State's run-oriented attack. He will have three quality backs in Dionne Summers, Frankie Sanders, and Antonio Mackey operating behind him. On the flanks are Quincy Miller and Freddie Solomon. Linemen Carnell Carter, Greg Middleton, and David Blanchard make everything go for State.

State used to own the MEAC title in the late 1970s and early '80s. It may never own the league crown like that again, but it is possible they could "borrow" it back again this season.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(9-3, 5-1) When coach Bill Hayes took over the head coaching job at A&T five years ago, he said one of his major goals was to get the Aggies in a position where they could reload every year, not rebuild. Last season proved the program is just about where he wants it. The Aggies, despite losing several top players, repeated as MEAC champions and advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs for the first time since 1986. Hayes, whose teams have won 27 games in the last three years, hopes this team will be able to produce a similar effort against a very challenging schedule.

On offense, quarterbacks Maceo Bolin and David Russell will oversee the wing-T attack. Returnees Barry Turner, James White, and Brian Rodman rushed for well over 1,000 yards. Rudy Artis is back at split end, while Robert Holey, who could be one of the league's best, Richard Lide, and Tyrone Brown anchor the line. The return of place-kicker Carl Warren, an all-conference selection as a freshman, also boosts the offense.

Defensively, Hayes took some losses, including Rodney Edwards, the MEAC's Defensive Player of the Year and all-league selection Alonzo Barnett in the secondary. So Hayes converted a pair of athletic running backs Michael Belk and Anthony Perkins to linebacker, where they will join Leevary Covington, who led the team in tackles. Toran James and Cassius Adams could have big years on the line, while John Dixon, Curtis Burghs, Dion Caldwell, and Miles Onatowora are the top players in the secondary.

FLORIDA A&M

(7-5, 4-2) If the Rattlers could have stopped after their ninth game, it would have been one of the more glorious seasons in recent memory at a school rich in football tradition. But FAMU instead had to play out the year losing to rival Bethune-Cookman, which cost them the league title, and then to Eddie Robinson and Grambling in the Heritage Bowl.

Coach Ken Riley has some holes to fill, but the Rattlers may again be a force by the time league play heats up. Start with wide receiver Terry Mickens, the league's Offensive Player of the Year (52 receptions for 900 yards and 6 TDs). Who will be throwing to Mickens, however, is unknown. Tony Rucker had wrestled the job from incumbent Tracy Weldon during the spring, but he suffered severe knee damage in the spring game and is out for the year.

Weldon went down with a shoulder injury shortly thereafter, leaving the job up for grabs. Ivory Drillard heads a talented group of linemen, but FAMU will be relatively inexperienced at running back.

At times, the Rattlers were dominant on defense last year. Against A&T and Howard, two of the MEAC's more explosive offensive teams, they yielded a paltry total of 10 points. Linemen Ervin Collier and Marcus Lampkin are back, and before suffering a broken leg last fall, linebacker Bruce Daniels was leading the conference in tackles. Should he return to form, Daniels and Louis Williams will give FAMU a pair of excellent backers in a league full of them. Juniors Ken Riley and Keino Taylor, who could be All-America candidates before they're through, lead the secondary.

DELAWARE STATE

(6-5, 3-3) The Hornets were picked in many circles to be the class of the MEAC last season. For about three-quarters of the way through, that's exactly the way things played out. Then, things fell apart. Del State was stung by defeats in their final four games, including three in league play. The end result was a tie for fourth place—the lowest finish for Del State in nearly 10 years. Once upon a time, a fourth-place finish for Del State would have been cause to celebrate. But coach Bill Collick's success at the school has put an end to those days. A return to the top is possible in time, but Del State must find replacements on the defensive line to aid topnotch performer Uhuru Hamiter. Free safety Brian Randall has established himself as one of the league's top all-round performers. Last season, he had 81 tackles, tied for the league lead with six interceptions, and was second in punt returns. Linebackers Lloyd Badson, Mark Still, and Rich Zoelisch and all-MEAC punter Charles Popios are other returning regulars.

Collick is hoping that quarterback Erik Jones and running back Phil Anderson can help make last year's finish a distant memory this season. Jones accounted for more than 1,500 yards total offense. Anderson, the latest in a long line of fine backs at Del State, rambled for 744 yards. Stanley Burris, Thane Watkins, and Keith Jarvis return on the line, as does tight end Neon Chapman.

HOWARD

(7-4, 3-3) Two years ago, Jay Walker probably wasn't sure he would even be playing college football. The program at Long Beach State had just folded, leaving Walker and his teammates to fend for themselves and find new schools. Fortunately for coach Steve Wilson, Walker took his considerable skills to Howard, where last fall he led the MEAC in total offense, passing for 2,347 yards and 18 touchdowns. He was the big reason Howard was so improved, and is now the premier quarterback. When Walker does drop back to throw, chances are he will be looking for Gary Harrell. A lot. Harrell caught 50 passes a year ago and can be lethal in the open field. Rupert Grant and Rhadi Ferguson combined for nearly 700 yards on the ground and will give the offense a balanced attack. Brook Cawley leads several returnees on the line.

On defense, the Bison secondary could be tops in the conference, though they'll get an argument from Bethune-Cookman. Free safety Neal Downing was a first-team all-league

selection, while LaVeremy Adamson and Dondre Owans are also solid performers. Linebacker Jose White and nose tackle Aaron Kinchen are back as well for the Bison, who led the league in scoring defense.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(4-7, 2-4) Sylvester Collins's first year at Bethune was one of adjustment. The Wildcats started very slowly but won three straight to close the season, claiming an especially sweet victory over rival Florida A&M, keeping FAMU from claiming the league title. The Wildcats hope to carry that momentum right into this year. But the first order of business for Collins is to replace quarterback J.D. Hall, who took over 4,000 career passing yards with him. The job is Michael Jackson's to lose, but Leon Hillard, Tony Kerrin, and Clover Coffey will push him. Wilmer White and Kevin Daniels lead the running backs and John Jones and Morris Nobles the receivers. Devon Cole and Willie Felton form a pair of bookends at tight end and the line led by Braynon Edwards should be in good shape.

Defensively, the Wildcats have a solid nucleus to work with. David Watkins, Zatic Simpson, and Sam Newsome are small but capable linemen. Terrance Carey, the leading tackler, is back at inside linebacker, as is Tyrone Lester, who made a lot of noise as a freshman by tying for the MEAC lead in interceptions. Lester, Eric Hudson, and Leotis McNeil will key the secondary. On paper, Bethune may still be a year away from moving back into the upper level of the league. But any team that throws the ball as well as it does is always a threat to do some damage at any time. Ask Florida A&M.

MORGAN STATE

(2-9, 0-6) Though it did not show in the victory column, the Bears displayed some improvement in 1992. They had a few of the league's best skill-position players and stayed competitive in games for longer periods of time. But there were still problems. The Bears led the league in total offense but were last in total defense. In addition to that, the team forfeited its final game against Bethune-Cookman as a protest against the style and motivational tactics of coach Ricky Duggs. But the troubles have seemingly been erased by an excellent spring practice and enthusiasm over the prospects for the coming year.

The big reason for the eagerness to get to the new season are the team's offensive returnees. Morgan's run-and-shoot attack proved to be potent, rolling up over 370 yards per game. Junior quarterback Orlando Persell passed for nearly 2,000 yards in just eight games. Jesse Humphrey, a juco transfer, led the league in receptions and will be joined by Chris Ursini and Bernard Barnes at wideout. Running back Tony Phillips, a walk-on who walked right on to the all-MEAC unit, is also back, as are four starting linemen.

How much the Bears improve will depend on how many steps forward the defense can take. It gave up more than 50 points on five occasions and was constantly pounded by bigger, stronger teams. Diggs brought in Ronnell Woods, a new coordinator, to help address the problem. He will build his unit around all-MEAC tackle Matthew Steeple and strong safety Eric Johnson, who will be among the league's best by season's end.



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TEXAS A&M

The Aggies have put together a mini-dynasty in the SWC and only the NCAA might be able to destroy. Starting the season with a 12-game winning streak pushed A&M near a potential national title before allegations of rules violations were revealed that resulted in the suspension of sophomore running back Greg Hill and a suspended loss to Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. But there is ample reason to believe the Aggies could pull off a rare SWC three-peat under head coach R.C. Slocum and reach the Cotton Bowl for the sixth time in nine years. A wealth of talent remains on both sides of the football. 69 members of A&M's team last season were freshmen or sophomores, including an offensive backfield that could rank among the nation's best.

Even if Hill is suspended by the NCAA for alleged rules violations, the Aggies' running game should be able to rebound with the help of junior Rodney Thomas and redshirt fresh-

man Leeland McElroy. Sophomore quarterback Corey Pullig missed the second half of spring drills after going down with a knee injury, but he should be ready to regain the form that helped him direct the Aggies to an average of nearly 40 points per game during the second half of the season. A physically punishing line led by tackles Dexter Wesley and Todd Mathison, center Chris Dausin, guard Tyler Harrison, and tight end Greg Schorp is one of the key elements of an offense that also returns speedy receiver Tony Harrison and welcomes highly touted newcomers Danny McCray and Kevin Birne. Terry Venetoulas handles the place-kicking.

The Aggies will be reloading instead of rebuilding a defensive unit which lost several standouts yet returns four consensus all-SWC players. The linebacking corps could be among the best in A&M history with the return of Jason Atkinson, Steve Solari, and Reggie Graham and reserves Larry Jackson and Jason Andrus. An intimidating line led by ends Eric England and Sam Adams and nose guard Lance Teichelman should continue to



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excel, as should a secondary patrolled by standout cornerback Aaron Green and Michael Hendricks. Defensive backs Billy Mitchell and Steve Kenny were impressive during spring drills, leaving the punting game as the Aggies' biggest area of concern. Sean Terry is the top candidate for the job, the Aggies' equivalent of the Maytag repairman.

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Coaches and players come and go, but the attention focused on quarterbacks tends to remain the same on the Forty Acres. Finding a

replacement for the Longhorns' all-time passing leader, Peter Gardere, is the top priority for coach John Mackovic and his staff who will be aiming for a bowl bid after last year's 6-5 finish. The task won't be an easy one. Other than redshirt freshman Shea Morenz, who received an extra year of eligibility after being injured last year, only Chad Lucas has taken a snap in a college game. Competition should increase when highly touted freshmen James Brown and John Dutton report for fall drills.

The need for a capable quarterback is underscored by the presence of a large number of talented receivers. Big-play threats Lovell Pinkney and Mike Adams averaged almost 21 yards per catch last season and Phil Brown caught a team-high 31 passes out of the backfield, while Justin McLemore led the Longhorns with four touchdown receptions. Brown also is the team's top returning running back and will be joined in the backfield by sophomore Curtis Jackson, Anthony Holmes, and senior Gerald Crawford. Several spots are up for grabs in a line anchored by veteran tackles Troy Reimer and Blake Brockermeyer. John Elmore and Joe Phillips are projected starters at guard and junior Trent Elliott is the top contender at center. A lack of depth could be a problem at tight end, where Jimmy Hakes is the only player on the roster who has caught a pass at that position.

Converted linebacker Norman Watkins developed into one of the SWC's best pass rushers by sharing the team lead with seven sacks a year ago. Watkins will be joined with ends Duane Vacek and Brian Vasek and tackles Dominic Bustamante and James Lane in a line that should be the strong point of the Longhorns' defense. By comparison, a massive rebuilding job awaits in a secondary depleted by the loss of three starters. Lone holdover Joey Els will be joined by senior safety Van Malone and junior cornerback Victor Frazier. Added help could come from senior Paschal Watty and a long list of incoming freshmen that includes Chris Carter, Tre Thomas, and Bryant Westbrook. Traditionally the most prestigious position on the Longhorns' defense, the linebacking corps should be bolstered by the return of Winfred Tubbs and Kevin Waller. Tubbs missed spring drills after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery, allowing senior Chris Rapp and sophomore Robert Reed more practice time.

The Longhorns' kicking game could be a case of feast or famine. Place-kicker Scott Szeredy returns after converting 16 of 21 field goals last season, but the punting duties could go to incoming freshman Mark Schultis.

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Not since 1972 have the Bears had to adjust to a new head coach, a situation they find themselves in this fall as Chuck Reedy takes control from Grant Teaff. Reedy had been the offensive coordinator for the previous three seasons and should be able to field one of the SWC's most potent scoring units. Whether the Bears improve on last year's 7-5 mark and earn a bowl bid for the third time in four years will depend largely on the progress of a defense which lacks experience at linebacker.

Entering his senior year, quarterback JJ Joe is poised to break virtually every Baylor record for passing and total offense. Quality depth is a big plus elsewhere in the backfield with the return of tailbacks Brandell Jackson and Malcolm Hamilton and fullbacks Robert Strait, Bradford Lewis, and John Henry. The Bears are hoping to have some receivers emerge from a long roster of candidates who caught only three passes among them last season. In contrast to a year ago, Baylor's offensive line has the necessary depth and experience to contend for a possible SWC championship. Senior center Chuck Pope will anchor a front line that also includes guards David Leaks and Will Davidson and tackles Fred Miller and Craig Bellamy. John Turner, Edwin Newman, Curtis Draper, and Mike Oatis provide depth.

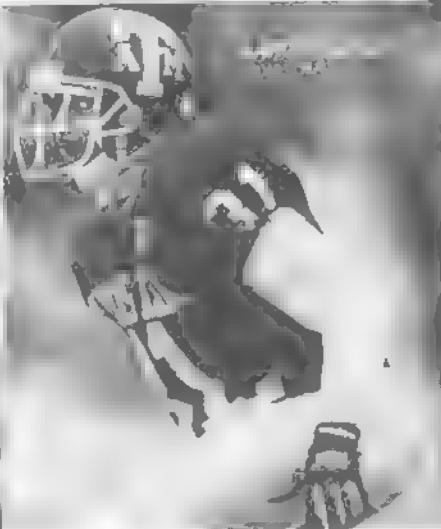
Heralded tackles Steve Strahan and Joseph Asbell form the nucleus of a defensive line projected to be among the SWC's best. Scotty Lewis has been moved from tackle to end, where he will join 6-9, 265-pound Daryl Gardener. Although the secondary lost three starters, the Bears believe such players as Jason Young, Brian Newberry, Chad Hunter, and Andrew Swasey are ready to make their presence felt at safety along with two-year starter Chris Lewis. Kendrick Bell has been moved to cornerback, where he will join Raynor Finley. The litmus test for the Bears defense will be the ability to find consistency at linebacker. Chris Dull has been moved to the middle and Tony Tubbs is expected to return after being sidelined with a knee injury. Philip Kent, Jerry Robles, and Justin Still have been shifted from the secondary to provide depth in the Bears' greatest area of concern.

Another quest on mark looms in the kicking game, where punter Rhett Delaney could be pushed by Willie Shupp during fall drills. Mike Chilton handled kickoffs for the Bears a year ago, but he has little experience in kicking extra points and field goals.



TEXAS TECH

Optimism has been building for years on the high plains, where the Red Raiders have been yearning for their first-ever SWC title and trip to the Cotton Bowl since the university entered the conference in 1960. This finally could be the year Tech improves on back-to-back second-place finishes and last year's 5-6 record and reaches the top with a talented, experienced offensive unit that rewrote several school records a year ago. Avoiding injuries during a challenging early schedule in which the Red Raiders will play five consecutive



games against bowl teams will be a must, especially for an inexperienced defense.

Only two starting linemen have departed from an offense that ranked 17th in the nation with an average of 423 yards per game last season. Center Brad Elam and tackle Stacey Petrich should be among the SWC's finest. Mike Moore and Ronnie Seal will contend for the other tackle position, while Bingo Mancillas, Peter Allen, Ed Hendrix, and Scott Fitzgerald are the top candidates at guard. Head coach Spike Dykes might be able to start an all-fifth-year senior offensive line and rotate five senior receivers and three senior fullbacks. Senior quarterback Robert Hall is on the verge of setting Tech records for career total offense and passing yardage. He already has passed for 5,014 yards and should rank among the SWC's top five all-time leaders when he ends his career. The biggest reason to project another potent Tech passing game is the return of Lloyd Hill, who led the nation in '92 with an average of 114 yards in receptions per game. Hill needs only 520 yards to establish a conference career record. Derrell Mitchell, Donald Marshall, and Tony Miller add depth and speed to the aerial show. But Tech is striving for a balanced attack, one which will utilize the ability of running back Byron Morris (second in the conference with 1,279 yards a year ago) and fullback Bruce Hill in addition to the forward pass.

Added team speed might be the Red Raiders' biggest plus on defense, where seven starting positions were up for grabs during spring drills. To complicate matters, Tech has

switched to a 4-4 alignment to better utilize its quickness. Shawn Jackson and Byron Wright are mainstays at end, but the interior line must find two starters among a group that includes Stephen Gaines and Chris Ori and transfers Tyrone Brooks and Sean Johnson. Sophomore linebackers Anthony Armour, Zach Thomas, and Shawn Banks should figure prominently in the new defensive scheme, but depth at the position is a concern. Donny Brooks and Anthony Wiley are the top names in a secondary that must make major strides after allowing opponents to complete 56 percent of their pass attempts last season. The kicking game appears solid with the return of Jon Davis and punter Robert King.

Their passing game with quarterback Bert Emanuel who ranked fourth in the nation in pass efficiency a year ago and whose speed makes him a viable option threat. Emanuel passed for 1,558 yards and rushed for 680 yards and seven touchdowns despite the fact that he did not earn the starting job until the Owls third game. Emanuel's favorite pass targets likely will be juniors Jimmy Lee and tight end Clemente Torres. Several candidates, including Yancy Edmonds, Spencer George, Carlos Anderson, and Pat Callahan will contend this fall for the unenviable task of following in Cobb's footsteps. An experienced offensive line should ease the transition at tailback. Sophomore tackle Chris Cooley and center Tom Hetherington were standouts a year ago and will team with tackle Jimmy Golden and guards Brendon Fitzgerald, Bobby Gray, and Mike Ecklund.

The elusive bowl berth could become a reality for the Owls if they can find enough depth in their defensive line. Newcomers might be called upon to fill spots behind such proven players as senior tackle Corey Seymour, junior end Deric Rutherford, sophomore end Brynton Goynes, and nose guard Michael Shirk. Converted linebacker Bryan Soward, redshirt freshman Sean Clarady, and incoming freshman Ndikwe Kalu are possible substitutes up front. Big things are expected of a secondary which returns starters Nathan Bennett and Jeff Sowell at safety and Sean Washington at cornerback. The Owls ranked second among SWC teams in scoring defense last season, a trend that should continue with such capable linebackers as Emmett



Waldron, Joe Davis, Jeff Mercer, and Larry Izzo. Versatile junior Darrell Richardson will handle the punting and place-kicking.

Allegations of rules violations and other controversies in April led to the resignation of John Jenkins as the Cougars' head coach and cast a huge shadow over the team's prospects for the coming season. Jenkins had been the target of criticism for back-to-back 4-7 seasons in which Houston continued to put up glossy numbers with its glitz run-and-shoot offense yet failed to field a consistent defense. Constructing a potent defense undoubtedly will be new coach Kim Helton's top priority during fall drills while the NCAA continues to sort through allegations that the Cou-

gars held illegal summer workouts and made illegal payments to transfer students.

Regardless of whether the run-and-shoot is retained, Jimmy Klingler should continue to excel at quarterback after leading the nation with 32 touchdowns passes and an average of 342 yards total offense per game. Only a junior, Klingler has the luxury of throwing to such capable receivers as Sherman Smith, Ron Peters, and Keith Jack. Smith led the nation with 103 receptions and Peters was tops with an average of 26 yards per catch. Lamar Smith should bolster the Cougars' running game from the superback position after finishing second in the nation last season with an average gain of 7.6 yards. Since the success of any passing attack is directly related to the effectiveness of a team's line, the Cougars once again should be in good shape with the return of heralded tackles Darrell Clapp and Jimmy Herndon. The remainder of the offensive front will be composed of several hefty candidates that include 295-pound Kenny

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Times are changing on the Hilltop, where the Mustangs were only a short field goal away from a winning season before finishing with a 5-6 mark under head coach Tom Rossley. SMU not only snapped a 25-game conference losing streak, but also experienced a renewed confidence that might be tested in what looms as a rebuilding year.

Junior wide receiver Brian Berry and guard Jeremy Stout are the only starters returning on offense. In fact, Stout might be the only senior in the Mustangs' offensive lineup this fall. Quarterback candidates Calvin Burdick, Mark Eldred, and Ramon Flanigan have yet to earn a letter among them, meaning it could take time for an effective passing attack to develop with the loss of such receivers as Korey Beard and John DeVoss. Kevin Shepard is projected as the starting superback after rushing for 460 yards in the Mustangs' run-and-shoot. Several sophomores will have to make their presence felt early in a line that underwent a major overhaul during spring drills. Tony Ned has been moved from defense to offensive tackle, where he will join such candidates as Bryan Craig, Jason Holz, Jason Hunt, Jason Sands, and Greg Shea.

The Mustangs might find it difficult to continue their upswing on defense after holding their first four opponents to fewer than 20 points and finishing first among SWC teams in pass defense. Returning lettermen Scott Fly, Cagan Morgan, B.J. Stankovich, Craig Swann, and Eric Tomlin have combined to start only two games at linebacker, making the position a serious concern. The situation is

nished his debut as the Horned Frogs' head coach. How much improvement is made this year will depend on how quickly a quality starting quarterback can be found to get the ball to a talented group of receivers.

Max Knaak is the only quarterback on TCU's roster who has thrown a forward pass on the college level, giving him the inside track to the starting job over such candidates as Scott McLeod and redshirt freshmen Adam Wright and Todd Bauman. A rebuilt offensive line led by tackles Paul Simmons and Barret Robbins, guards Boyd Milby and Jason Kelly, and center Kevin Brewer must provide adequate pass blocking to take advantage of the presence of veteran receivers Richard Woodley, Mike Houston, and Jimmy Oliver. Junior-college line transfers Bart Epperson, Brandon Hickman, and Chuck Wills were impressive during spring drills, but tight end Greg Harriss suffered a neck injury and will miss the entire season. The Frogs enter fall drills with Brian Collins as their only tight end with college experience, a factor that could hasten the emergence of incoming freshman Ryan Tucker. Junior tailback Derrick Culors and senior fullback John Oglesby were among the Frogs' top three rushers last season, providing optimism that TCU will be able to improve on its average output of 113 yards on the ground.



Robbins, 300-pound Billy Milner, and 305-pound Joe Wheeler.

Added depth and experience in the line is the best hope for improvement on a defense that yielded an average of 411 yards and 35 points per game last season. Steve Williams, Eric Harrison, Marlon Fooths, Terrance Mouton, Stephen Dixon, and Allen Alordridge all saw extensive playing time a year ago in a 4-3 alignment. Added help up front could come from Colin Scriven, who led the nation's junior-college players with 18 sacks, and Otis Grant. Senior linebacker Ryan McCoy has been a starter since his freshman season and is the top name at a position which must get quality play from such newcomers as juco transfer Chris Jones and George Pratt. The secondary could develop into one of the team's strengths with the presence of cornerbacks John Brown, John W. Brown, Deric Mathis, and Alfred Young and safeties Jerome Williams and converted quarterback Donald Douglas.

The Cougars' special teams were plagued last season by several bad snaps from center, a factor that tarnished Cody Avant's punting stats and Trace Craft's field-goal accuracy. Correcting breakdowns that resulted in several blocked punts and kicks that were returned for touchdowns was high on the Cougars' agenda during spring drills.

A bit more promising up front, where veteran ends Chad Patton and Byron Slaughter return along with tackle Byron Bonds. Defending against the pass should be another SMU specialty with a deep and experienced secondary led by senior cornerback Marcus Malonson and senior strong safety Richie Butler. Added help will come from Michael Artmore and Jonathan Dupree, both of whom were starters two years ago before missing last season because of injuries.

The Mustangs' special teams blocked six kicks a year ago and should continue to excel with punt returner Mick Rossley, punter Larry Israel, and senior place-kicker John Stewart.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

There were times when Pat Sullivan might have been tempted to suit up TCU mascot Super Frog during a 2-8-1 season that tar-

A lack of depth on defense enabled opponents to wear down the Horned Frogs in the second half of games last season, outscoring them 212-85. That problem should be alleviated this fall with the return of several heralded players at linebacker and in the secondary. Sophomore weakside linebacker Leroy Jones set a school record by making 13 tackles for 79 yards in losses, while strong safety Greg Evans's seven interceptions were the most among SWC players and ranked third-highest in TCU history. Free safety David King and cornerbacks Rico Wesley and Marvel Hopes should help solidify a defense that also returns linebackers Mike Moulton and Reggie Anderson. Junior tackle Royce West and ends Vincent Pryor and Chris Piland compose the nucleus of a veteran line.

The kicking game was greatly emphasized in spring practice as freshman redshirt Brian Leinart contended with senior Rudy Oliveira for placement duties. Kevin Cordesman once again will handle the punting after averaging 35 yards per kick last season.

southland conference**predictions****southland conference**

1. McNeese State, 2. Northeast Louisiana,
3. Northwestern State, 4. North Texas,
5. Stephen F. Austin, 6. Sam Houston State,
7. Southwest Texas State, 8. Nicholls State

A familiar battle between Cowboys and Indians should settle the Southland Conference race for the second year in a row. Northeast Louisiana was ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division I-AA at the end of the regular season, but whether the Indians repeat as SLC champs in their final season before moving to Division I-A will depend on the caliber of players who must compensate for the loss of nine All-American performers.

McNeese State could wrestle the conference crown from the Indians by avenging the only loss it sustained in SLC play in '92 with the aid of 47 returning lettermen. The Cowboys hope to continue the momentum they achieved by winning seven of their last eight games in a surge that moved them into the national rankings.

An experienced offensive line should bolster Northwestern Louisiana State's chances of reaching the I-AA playoffs. North Texas and Stephen F. Austin also have enough talent returning to make strides in the SLC standings.

McNEESE STATE

Consistent improvement has been a hallmark of Bobby Keasler's teams in his first three seasons as the Cowboys' head coach. McNeese advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs two years ago and reached the second round of postseason play last season. This time, the Cowboys hope to add a Southland Conference championship to their list of achievements as 47 returning lettermen take aim at a potential national title.

A talented offense which helped engineer last-minute victories in six games might hold the key toward improving on last year's 9-4 record. Kerry Joseph made headlines by passing for 1,361 yards and eight touchdowns as a freshman and returns to a backfield that includes tailback Henry Fields. Center Sam Breaux and guard Blayne Rush are mainstays in an offensive line that will try to allow Joseph time to get the ball to veteran receivers Adam Henry and Skeet Owens.

Senior linebacker Terry Irving became the first consensus All-American in McNeese history last season by logging 125 tackles and leading a unit that specialized in making the big play. Backs Brian Brunfield and Lance Guidry, end Dana Scott and tackle Eric Kidd are the Cowboys' other returning starters on defense. McNeese's kicking game should be a strong point. Pat Neck averaged almost 40 yards per punt and place-kicker Jose Larios successfully converted 12 of 18 field goal attempts as a freshman.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Heavy losses on offense might jeopardize the Indians' chances of winning their third conference championship in four years, but head

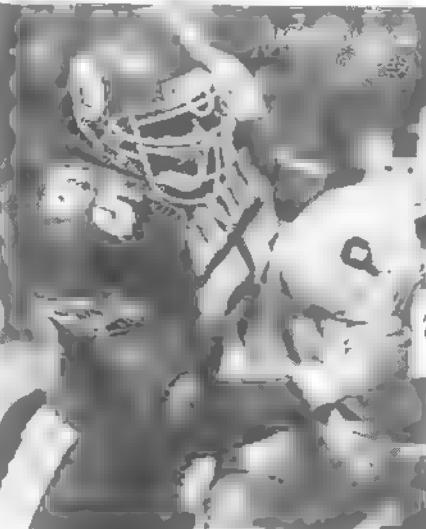
coach Dave Roberts could have enough talent on hand to guide his team into the Division I-AA national rankings for the fourth consecutive year. Whether the Indians can build on last season's 10-3 record will depend on how quickly they can find quality replacements for a school-record nine All-Americaners who were seniors a year ago.

Wide receiver Dennis Bamburg is the only starter returning for an offensive unit which will use Robert Cobb and junior college transfers Brent Scott and Rick Sparks for leadership at quarterback. Transfer running backs Kendall Bussey, Irving Spikes, and Tito Wooten also figure prominently in the Indians' plans, as do hefty line transfers Chris Stortz, Herb McMath, Lorenzo Wallace, and Keith Hindsley.

James Folston has been moved from defensive end to outside linebacker and cornerback Dale Branch is the only regular returning in the secondary. Such stalwarts as linebacker Philip King, tackle Lennie Jenkins, and end Tommy Fagan will add stability on defense while the offense tries to gain much-needed confidence and experience. Junior college transfers Brian Lambert and Roger Miller are projected to handle the punting and place-kicking duties, respectively.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

A repeat of last year's 7-4 record might be within reach for the Demons if they can get maximum mileage from a large group of sophomores projected as starters for head coach Sam Goodwin. Six sophomores could start on defense and another two for an offense that



once again will utilize a run-oriented attack behind an experienced line.

Decorated tackle Marcus Spears joins guards Jason Ball and George Paul, tackle Curtis Wilkins and center John Dippel as veterans in an offensive front that should provide ample running room for tailback Deon Ridgell. Questions must be answered at receiver, where Steve Brown is the only veteran returning, and at quarterback. Junior college transfer Tony Taylor should contend with Brad Laird for the starting quarterback job this fall.

Free safety Fred Thompson will anchor a young secondary, which could start three sophomores, including cornerback Don Butler. By comparison, the linebacking corps returns regulars Edward Moses, who could finish as the second-leading tackler in school

history, and Jerome Keys. A lack of depth and experience are concerns in the line where sophomore end Joe Cummings will be teamed with nose tackle Rodney King and tackle Norman Pratt.

North Texas

For the third year in a row, the Eagles opened spring football practice on head coach Dennis Parker's birthday. North Texas might have further reason to celebrate this time, especially if a talented offense that returns nine starters makes significant strides.

The Eagles return starters Chris Brown, Brian Gothard, Scott Dukatnik, and Kent Englehardt in an offensive line that should provide adequate pass protection for veteran quarterback Mitch Maher, who led the SLC in total offense by averaging 205 yards per game during the Eagles' 4-7 season. Wide receiver Clayton George and tight end Luis Silva once again will be two of Maher's primary targets. Terrance Brown led the Eagles with 974 yards



rushing a year ago and could be joined in the backfield by promising freshmen Cedric Cromer and Kervin Crenshaw.

Senior safeties Wayne Walker and Sean Mayes join sophomore cornerback Umoja Gibson in a secondary that is the most improved part of the Eagles' defense. James Rodewell, a 379-pound transfer, will make a big impression in a line that also welcomes junior college transfers Willis Hudson and Stan Thomas to go along with holdovers Clay Jennings and Shane McLaughlin. The fact that the Eagles switched to a 4-3 defense late last season alleviates a lack of depth at linebacker, where converted fullback Shawn Hicks returns after leading the team in tackles.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Slow but steady progress has been charted by the Lumberjacks, who have increased their number of victories in each of the last two seasons. But there's still plenty of room for improvement over the 3-8 record under head coach John Pearce in 1992, a goal that could become a reality since nine starters return to what was one of the SLC's best defensive units. Senior defensive back Cedric Walker will try to add to his all-time conference record of 19 interceptions while teamed with Ryan Thomas and two-year starters Calley Beitcher and Terrance Shaw in a first-rate secondary. Willie Mitchell and Michael Everhart add sta-

bility at linebacker, while Johnny Jernigan, Chris Roberson, Kelly Lokey and transfer Lowell Hutchens anchor the front.

Finding a capable quarterback remains a concern for a team which completed only 46 percent of its pass attempts and threw 22 interceptions last fall. Mike Goddard will be challenged for the starting role by sophomores James Ritchey and Blake Armstrong. More production will be needed from Leonard Harris, who led the Lumberjacks with 699 yards rushing. Michael Pearce led the team as a freshman with 426 yards in receptions. The line returns starters Scott Griggs, Bill Campbell, Lee Kirk, and Eddie Langford.

CLARK HOLLOWAY STATE

A rebuilding year awaits the Bearcats after last year's 6-3-2 finish under head coach Ron Randleman. Inexperience is a concern at almost every position, underscoring the need for nine junior college transfers to establish themselves early on both sides of the ball.

Team rushing leader Charles Harris returns at tailback and Dana Sherman adds experience at fullback for an offensive unit that might have trouble generating a consistent passing game. Redshirt freshmen Stacey Arrambide and Brandon Bennett will contend with Dwight Gross for the No. 1 quarterback role, while Blake Vincent tops a long list of candidates at receiver. Donald Henson and Kevin Johnson are the only holdovers in the line.

Strong safety Mitchell Moore, end Zenon Fores and tackle Ray Malone form the nucleus of a defense which caused 31 turnovers and set a school record with 47 sacks a year ago. Matching those numbers will be difficult, unless newcomers Jeff Jordy, Sherman Patrick, and Billy Holmes quickly solidify the Bearcats' unproven situation at linebacker.

SOUTHWESTERN TECHNICAL STATE

The ability to rebound from losses sustained in the closing minutes of several games is paramount for the Bobcats, whose depth and experience on offense provide hope that the team can improve on last year's 5-5-1 record. A quality offensive line led by center Spencer

Revamping a defense which had three linebackers dismissed for a violation of team rules last season is of vital importance. Seniors or tackle Victor Carr and safety Nelson Robinson are the leading returning tacklers. Sack specialist Monte Lewis and cornerback Brian McCray provide the Bobcats with a foundation on which to build under head coach Jim Bob Hildesheimer. Ray Whitehead has been a paragon of consistency in the last two seasons, converting all of his extra-point attempts and 17 of 19 field goals.

COLONELS

An ineffective passing attack was an overriding factor which dropped the Colonels into the conference cellar in their second season in the Southland Conference. Quarterbacks completed less than 33 percent of their pass attempts during a 1-9-1 season that prompted the hiring of Rick Rhoades, who plans to run a multiple offense in his first season as head coach. Henry Ransefore, Sharoye Taylor and converted running back Jared Allemand are the main contenders at quarterback. Finding more capable players at the skill positions to go with running back Clyde Washington and receivers David Johnson and David Baker is a high priority, as is avoiding a series of injuries which plagued the Colonels' line last season.

The situation is a bit brighter on defense, where sophomore Darryl Pounds, Kendall Smith and Michael Wills are mainstays in the secondary. Demetrius Crawford, who led the Colonels with 87 tackles, will be joined at linebacker by Brett Adams and Michael Morris. A lack of depth and experience in the line rooms as the biggest concern for a unit which yielded an average of 31 points per game.

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- 1 Alcorn State, 2. Grambling
- 3 Jackson State, 4. Texas Southern
- 5 Southern, 6. Alabama State
- 7 Mississippi Valley, 8. Prairie View

If Steve McNair lives up to his preseason billing, SWAC football stock could rise to lofty heights in 1993 and Alcorn State fans would be riding on cloud nine. McNair owns the credentials that make him a worthy candidate for the Heisman Trophy. The junior sensation has been the SWAC and Sheridan Offensive Player of the Year the past two seasons. Sports Illustrated selected him the top offensive player in the nation last year over more highly acclaimed stars such as Miami's Gino Torretta and Georgia's Garrison Hearst. The passing combination of McNair to wide receiver Marcus Hinton will throw fear into opposing secondaries, while linebacker/end John Thierry, a top pro prospect, will lead the defense as the Braves seek a repeat title run.

Grambling was runner-up to Alcorn last year, and the Tigers added a ninth Black National College crown to their trophy case by beating Florida A&M in the Heritage Bowl. Fullback Eric Gant and place-kicker Gladys Landau are the top guns for the G-men. Jack-

Sigman guard Charlie Nelson, and tackles Derek Bailey and Wes Campbell should open holes for fullbacks Scott Smith and Donald Miller and quarterback John Hygh and help the Bobcats lead the SLC in rushing for the second consecutive year. Hygh, who led the team in rushing in '92, will throw to veteran receivers Scott Moore and Anthony Wood.

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son State is hoping to move up in the league standings with tight end Isiah Bliss and linebacker Marlo Perry leading the way. Rounding out the upper division is Texas Southern, with all-star candidates in wide receiver Joe Rogers and offensive lineman Joe Burch.

Southern University is expecting big things from all-SWAC cornerback Sean Wallace. Defensive back LeCorvey Harvest of Alabama State and defensive lineman Eric Alexander of Mississippi Valley are honors candidates, but Prairie View's all-star cupboard is bare as the Panthers try to regroup after going winless.

ALABAMA STATE

(7-4, 7-0) With Steve "Air II" McNair lighting up the scoreboard with his passing and John Thierry providing "lights out" play on defense, the Braves hope to repeat last year's 7-0 SWAC title run. McNair (8-2, 215), whose brother Fred plays in the Canadian Football League, threw for 3,541 yards and 29 touchdowns and ran for a team-high 633 yards. Thierry, a linebacker/end who has the NFL scouts excited, was credited with 56 tackles, including 39 solo stops and four sacks.

An injury to tailback Harry Brown Jr., who still managed to score 11 TDs, curtailed the Braves' running game. Brown returns with Cherone Harness, Demechie Hulbert, and redshirt freshman Alfred Daniel. The receiving corps will miss all-SWAC first-teamers Tony Price and Fernando Evans, but coach Cardell Jones is hoping Marcus Hinton (6-6, 230), Tracy Cook, and Donald Ray Ross can pick up the slack. Hinton had 11 TD grabs as a redshirt freshman.

Thierry is one of five defensive starters returning. The others are linebackers Patrick Varnado and Al Childress and backs Eric Ward and Malcolm Jones.

GRAMBLING

(10-2, 6-1) Calling the shots in his 53rd season as the Tigers' head coach is Eddie Robinson, who must find replacements for 14 starters from yet another Black College national championship team (his ninth) including seven all-SWAC performers.

Senior fullback Eric Gant, whose brother Kenneth plays for the Dallas Cowboys, gained over 1,000 yards in each of the past two seasons while reaping All-America honors. Sophomore Kendrick Nord, Tommy Dyer, and Ron Bias will battle for the quarterback job held a year ago by Alex Perkins, who threw 27 touchdown passes. Ron Dyson (24 catches for 557 yards and 10 TDs) is the top returning receiver. Senior tackle Roderick Henderson (6-5, 295) is the lone returning regular up front. All-America Gilad Landau assures the Tigers a strong kicking game.

Veteran Eric Fontenot, Kai Burrell and Keith Marks are entrenched on the defensive line. Rodney Ladd, Corder Ward and Claude Wilson lend experience. Kerry Brown returns at linebacker and Jeffrey Celestand, Eudean Toney, and Kelvin Reddix in the secondary.

JACKSON STATE

(7-4, 4-3) James Carson got out of the starting blocks quickly as a head coach on the collegiate level last season, but the Tigers have a big hurdle to clear if they hope to make a serious run at the SWAC title in 1993. Five offensive starters are missing off the unit that

averaged 420.7 yards per game. The biggest loss is James Johnson, who rushed for a league-leading 1,327 yards and scored 15 touchdowns.

The Tigers will reload with 16 returning regulars, including six first-team all-conference honorees. Senior quarterback Ricky Jordan threw for 2,124 yards. Juniors William Arnold and Alfred Wilson join him in the backfield. All-SWAC wide receiver Isiah Bliss had 38 catches and seven touchdowns and Ernest Pete had 27 grabs. Donald Burrell and Terry Ross are steady up front.

Five mainstays return to the defensive unit, which was the stingiest in the league (19.0 points per game). All-SWAC tacklers D.J. Hollie and Pheathur Edwards lead the charge with Lee Moten. Seniors Marlo Perry who topped the league in tackles, and Fernando Smith, first-team all-conference picks, form a solid 1-2 linebacker punch.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(5-6, 3-4) Graduation stripped the Tigers of 17 players, the biggest loss being All-America defensive end Michael Strahan, who was the first draft choice of the New York Giants. But at least the numbers favor coach Walter Highsmith. More than 60 players return from the team that finished with a winning season before losing four of its final five games.

Senior Schaminsky Payton has the nod over sophomore Mark Sasser in the battle to replace quarterback Stacey Moore. Sophomore Jason Hampton averaged 7.5 yards per carry and senior Joe Rogers caught a league-leading 11 TD passes. Center Joe Burch mentors top billing on the offensive line after earning second-team all-SWAC recognition as a junior. Darius Alexander and Greg Parks join him up front.

Across the line eight starters are gone from the defense. Prominent in the new cast are Eric Johnson, James Jones, Alfred Bryant, and Alex O'Shaw up front. Eric Ellison, Horace Williams, and Undrae Martin are experienced linebackers and Leroy Malboro returns in the secondary.

SOUTHERN

(5-6, 3-4) Head coach Marino Casem closed the books on his 22-year career on a disappointing note as the Jaguars came within 10 points of posting an 8-3 record in his final season. The six setbacks included a one-point loss to Jackson State and three-point defeats to Nichols State and Grambling.

New coach Pete Richardson inherits 18 returning starters. Topping the list is quarterback Eric Randal, the SWAC Freshman of the Year, who threw for 15 touchdowns in nine games. He is joined in the backfield by Paul Nixon and Lindsey Scott, who combined for 925 rushing yards. Michael Green was the Jaguars' second-leading receiver. Senior Anthony Harris is the lone returning line starter.

All-SWAC first-teamer Sean Wallace returns to the unit that led the conference in pass defense and ranked second in total defense. He was the No. 2 tackler in the league. Rejoining Wallace in the secondary are Chauncey Hogan, Jabbar Jukue, Matthew Dorsett, Malik Boyd, and Jerry Wilson Jr. Donald Broussard and Kenya Rounds are experienced linebackers and Calvin Griffin, Charles Johnson, Earl Mackey Jr., Richard Montgomery, and Kevin

Wilson are on the line. Cornel Johnson, the SWAC's No. 1 punt returner, will be missed.

MONTGOMERY STATE

(5-6, 3-4) The Hornets showed some sting in the stretch last season, winning four of their final five games, and coach Houston Markham is hoping that momentum will carry over into this fall. All-SWAC senior cornerback LeCorvey Harvest, who had a league-high seven interceptions, and senior halfback Rico White, with a team-best 628 yards, head the list of returning starters.

Quarterback John Feagin (628 yards, 5 TDs, and 6 interceptions) and wide receiver Reggie Barlow (16 catches for 288 yards) have to improve on their fresh numbers. The offensive line features guards Kurt Lavender and Emille Stallworth, center Leon Bell, and giant tackle Paul Etheridge (329).

Calrod Garner plays opposite Harvest in the secondary. Joe Dean is the lone returning regular among the linebackers. Darnell Palmore, freshman Gerald Heidelberg and Ervin Garner also figure prominently in the defensive scheme. Punter Erik Mothershed, who led the conference with a 39.5-yard average, lends an added dimension to the unit. Jacques Cothren is a dependable place-kicker.

MONTGOMERY VALLEY

(4-5, 2-5) Larry Dorsey enters his fourth season as the Delta Devils' head coach, hoping added depth and experience will help his team regain its winning touch. Senior defensive lineman Eric Alexander and junior running back David Arlington (804 yards, including a school-record 252 vs. Prairie View) lead a cast of 14 returning starters.

Sophomore quarterback Cliff Robinson threw for 527 yards in his injury-shortened season. Victor Cullen and Steve Booze head the receiving corps. Senior James Butler is the leader on the offensive front, which shapes up as the most improved area on the team. His line mates are Isaac Green, Danier Anderson, John Collins, and Keith Ward.

Jamar Nevitt joins Alexander on the defensive line. Brandon Dominick also bears watching. Alonso Brown and Felix Wicks are experienced linebackers. Defensive back Burnell Dedeaux picked off a team-leading five passes in his rookie season.

PRALIE VIEW

(0-11, 0-7) The Panthers have nowhere to go but up after suffering through a winless season in which they were outscored 441-55 (298-29 in SWAC play). It was a nightmare start for coach Ronald Beard, who will build his second Prairie View team around 11 returning starters.

Sophomore redshirt Greg Bell will get the nod at quarterback. Marshall Green and Kenneth Lacy are the running backs with Alaric Henderson at wide receiver. David McPherson and David Washington are seasoned linemen. Corey Fregia, Augustus Belser and Kevin Garner are the leading players on the defensive line. Linebackers Alphonse Provo and Jerrad Crowder have experience. Calvin Ford and Courtney Parham are the top players in the secondary, where a pair of newcomers, Cleveland Jones and Arthur Booker, are being counted on. Samuel Barnet is ranked among the league's top punters.

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BRIGHAM YOUNG

Some things are sure-fire. Massachusetts voting Democrat Princess Diana being on a People magazine cover sometime this month. Taxes rising. Long lines at customs. And Brigham Young winning the WAC.

The Cougars won 10 WAC titles from 1976 through 1985. They've won or tied for the last four. The non-title drought seems to have been the exception and not the rule. Somehow, somehow BYU will win the league. Last year provided the most vivid evidence yet. Seemingly buried after September setbacks to San Diego State and Hawaii, the Cougars didn't lose again in the WAC. They got road victories at the notoriously unfriendly outposts at Wyoming, Air Force, and Utah, and wound up tying for the WAC title with Fresno State and Hawaii. Their trip to Hawaii for the Aloha Bowl was their 15th consecutive bowl game.

Fourteen starters return, and that's counting only one of the four quarterbacks who started at one time or another last season. Quarterback U has never been so loaded at its signature position. John Wash, who opened 1992 as the starter before exiting with shoulder problems, is again projected to be No. 1 when the 1993 season begins. Behind him, in no particular order, will be Tom Young, 49er quarterback Steve Young's brother, who made his major-college debut in the Aloha Bowl (a 23-20 loss to Kansas) that was no fault of Young's; Steve Clements, last year's second starter who also went down with a bad shoulder; and Ryan Hancock, the third starter a year ago, who succeeded Clements and proceeded to

MARSHALL FAULK
San Diego State



win seven games while losing just one, to Notre Dame, before bowing out with a knee injury in the regular season finale against Utah. Hancock's availability was in question this fall, however, since the 6-foot-2 junior is also a 90-mph baseball pitcher who could turn professional in that sport and leave the contact nature of football in his past.

The Cougars will hardly be starting over on offense. Wide receiver Eric Drage caught 56 passes for 1,093 yards and 12 touchdowns in '92. He needs just two more TD catches to become the school's all-time leader (junior running back Jamal Wilkins (1,004 yards and 11 TDs) and Kalin Hall lend even more depth at

the skill positions while the offensive line returns three starters—guards Jim Edwards and Evan Pilgrim and tackle Mike Empey.

On defense, it's the same story. BYU has to replace a linebacker here, a back there, a lineman here, but no wholesale rebuilding will be going on—and at the middle of it all is all-WAC nose guard Lenny Gomes, one of seven returning starters from the unit which led the WAC in total defense. Randy Brock and Greg Pitts rejoin Gomes on the line with Nathan Hall and Todd Herget at linebacker and Vic Tarleton and Patrick Mitchell in the secondary. Of the newcomers, end Mike Furmano Uiuiale, a junior college transfer, is likely to make the biggest early impact. If LaVon Edwards, the fifth-winningest active coach in the country (who could get his 200th victory this season if BYU can win nine games), has a worry it's in the kicking game. Junior David Lauder, last year's place-kicker, left the team for personal reasons and the Cougars ended spring ball looking for help.

Fresno State's debut season in the WAC in 1992 hardly qualified for the Miss Manners Hall of Fame. The Bulldogs did not come in humbly. Respect for their elders was not their style. At the final tally they had won six WAC games and lost just two, a record that not only qualified them for a co-title along with Hawaii and BYU but also enabled them to bump San Diego State from the bowl scene and land in the Freedom Bowl. Any doubts that Fresno, long the bully of the Big West, could continue its high-flying ways in the WAC were dashed early. Its two league losses came on the road, and not by much (36-24 to BYU and 47-45 to Hawaii). Then, in the Freedom Bowl, Fresno did its new conference proud by beating highly favored Southern Cal, 24-7. For its second WAC go-round Fresno could be even better.

Offensively, the Bulldogs are as loaded as they were in '92. Fullback Lorenzo Neal is the only significant loss from an offense that led the nation in scoring (40.5 points per game) and was No. 2 in total offense. All-WAC quarterback Trent Dilfer's back is as the tailback tandem of Ron Rivers (1,007 rushing yards—counting the Holiday Bowl) and Anthony Daigle (734 yards) three-fourths of the line, and the top five receivers (Malcolm Seabron, Tydus Williams, Michael Ross, Lee Harris, and Charlie Jones), who combined for 134 catches for 2,553 yards and 20 touchdowns. If that's not enough consider that a late April signee, wide receiver David Dunn from Bakersfield Junior College, was wrestled away from Miami and San Diego State and could be inserted into the lineup as a second slotback, eliminating the tight end and turning Fresno into the Lamborghini of football.

But if scoring points should be no problem—particularly with the return of Derek Mahoney, a punter/place-kicker who is on target to shatter all of the school kick-scoring records—preventing them could be. Last year, the Bulldogs were ninth in the WAC in total defense, and they lost two of their best defenders in Zack Rix and Earl Oliver. Backs Sam Watson and James Burton look solid, but overall the unit needs help. A quick fix could emerge in the form of inside linebacker Ron Papazian, a redshirt transfer who led the University of Pacific in tackles in '91.

The Marshall Faulk Heisman campaign won't be able to sneak up on anybody this fall, particularly in the WAC. The grind took its toll in '92. Numerous incidents on and off the field indicated just how much of a toll. Head coach Al Luginbill spent much of the offseason working at repairing his team's tarnished image. The Aztecs opened against Southern Cal, Brigham Young and UCLA in 1992 but this year's early schedule calls for games against Cal State-Northridge, California, Air Force, and Minnesota. The opposition is strong enough for Heisman votes, but not so imposing that the Aztecs will be out of gas by the toughest part of the conference schedule. Also in SDSU's favor is a year's layoff from its series with Miami and a home game against BYU late in the season.

Faulk won't have to introduce himself to many new teammates. Nine offensive and seven defensive starters return. Wide receiver Darnay Scott is the perfect complement for Faulk. He caught 68 passes for 1,150 yards and nine touchdowns last season, going well beyond decoy status for college football's most prolific back. Quarterback David Lowery, who lacks consistency, is back for his senior season, fronted by a well-stocked offensive line led by 340-pound strong guard Carlson Leonit, Chris Finch, and Mike Alexander. Faulk reportedly "didn't come close to leaving" after his sophomore season despite an obvious eagerness displayed by the NFL. "He insisted he was going to stay no matter what happened," said sports information director John Rosenthal.

The Aztecs got a new defensive coordinator—from Fresno State, of all places. Del Wright was the defensive line coach for the Bulldogs before accepting the promotion with the Aztecs. He inherits an experienced unit but one that nonetheless could stand some improvement. The Aztecs gave up 421.1 yards per game in 1992, ninth in the WAC and 97th in the nation. A handful of junior college transfers showed promise in spring practice, including Scott Blade and Aaron Pruitt, one of whom should start at middle linebacker between Mark Roberts and Shawn Smith, and cornerback Craig Weems, who emerged as a starter after a good spring and will join all-WAC second-team selection Darrell Lewis and Chris Johnson in the backfield.

UTAH
You'll forgive the University of Utah if it's not sure just where its football stock ranks these days. The Utes are walking that fine line, deciding whether they're on the way up or on the way down. Last fall's 6-6 record (4-4 in the WAC) did include the school's first bowl game in 29 years (a 31-28 loss to Washington State in the Copper Bowl).

Thirteen starters return, headed by All-America wide receiver Bryan Rowley, a hardship senior. Skill-position experience is everywhere, except at quarterback, where Mike McCoy has emerged as the starter after backing up Frank Doce last year. The Utes are most loaded at running back, where Keith Williams, Pierre Jones, Jamal Anderson, Charlie Brown, and Henry Lusk can all be regarded as starters. Add to them Robert Hamilton, a 6-2, 220-pound transfer who joined the Utes after an injury-plagued season at Grossmont

Junior College, caused the University of Georgia to abandon the chase. Hamilton ran well in Utah's spring game. The Utes would be in even better shape offensively if they didn't have to rebuild their line, which returns just Lance Scott and Roy Ma'afala.

Of even greater concern is the linebacking corps. Not a single starter returns. Anthony Hall, a converted lineman, and Derrick Staples seemed to fill in well at the inside positions in the spring, lessening the load a bit. End Luther Ellis was an all-league first team last season while just a sophomore and senior tackle Blaine Berger was honorable mention all-WAC. In the defensive backfield the Utes are well-covered, with Kareem Leary, Ed Miller, Shariff Shah, and Mark Swanson all returning starters.

The schedule doesn't figure to be kind to the Utes, at least not at first. They must travel

KEITH WILLIAMS
Utah



to Arizona State and Kansas for two of the first three games. In the fourth game, they open WAC play at Wyoming. Absent from the slate is a game against expected league contender Fresno State, and San Diego State must visit the Utes in Salt Lake City. The final game of the regular season against traditional rival BYU, however, is in Provo.

AIR FORCE
The traditional, ground-hugging Air Force option program spent the spring passing the football. In three scrimmages, the Falcons behind senior quarterback Scott Teigen, threw for 1,056 yards. If that doesn't seem like a lot to Fresno State, BYU, or San Diego State, it seemed like all the yardage in the world to the Academy, which passed for all of 747 yards during the entire 1992 season. Of course, wshbone offenses usually don't throw for many yards, which raises the questions: Are the Falcons gearing up for a change? Or are they merely taking advantage of the throwing talents of Teigen, a first-year starter as a senior? After a 1992 season that was uncharacteristically lacking in offense (Air Force ranked last in the league in both total offense and scoring offense), a change would seem to be in order. Certainly the Falcons have plenty of weapons to get a fresh offense on the move. Running backs Obasi Onuoha, Wayne Young, and Joe Pastorello all return, as does alternate fullback Joe Paris, a virtual starter himself. The offensive line (Chad Mathis, Erik Mitchell, Rob Peragine, and Jim Remsey) is mostly experienced as well.

Defensively, the Academy has seen better transition years. Just one starter, right tackle Curtis Sutton, returns. He'll be joined by 10 new companions although for the most part coach Fisher DeBerry has veteran players to choose from in finding replacements. It was on defense where the Falcons shone a year ago, ranking second in total defense in the WAC and first in scoring defense. That was enough to get them to a 7-4 record and an appearance in the Liberty Bowl, where they held Mississippi to just 13 points. Alas, the Falcons didn't score at all.

This season should be a flip-flop. There is plenty of offense but not enough defense, which should keep the Falcons in about the same position as they finished a year ago.

WYOMING

Fourteen starters return for coach Joe Tiller, seven on each side of the ball. That experience, blended with the optimism behind senior quarterback Joe Hughes and wide receiver Ryan Yarbrough and a favorable schedule, suggests that the Cowboys can get back above .500. A year ago they were 3-5 in the WAC and 5-7 overall. At that, Hughes was named honorable mention all-WAC and Yarbrough, who caught 86 passes for 1,351 yards and 12 touchdowns, was named first-team all-WAC. The Football Writers Association was impressed enough to name Yarbrough as its first-team All-America wide receiver. Hughes-to-Yarbrough should provide quite a show in Laramie, as should Prentice Rhone's returning talents. Rhone, who also starts at cornerback, was the WAC's first-team return specialist in 1992. Tight end Mike Jones, a second-team all-WAC selection last year, is another offensive threat along with wide receiver Curtis Dewberry and running back Terry Hendricks, an 800-yard rusher as a freshman two years ago before injuries slowed him almost to a stop in 1992. Guards Cody Kelly and Greg Scanlon and center Isaac Hawkins are the returnees on the line.

Ends Kurt Whitehead and Tyrone Williams anchor the defense with linebackers Corey Talch and Ryan Folsom. The secondary needs to be shored up and could be aided by newcomer Vince Colbert, a junior college transfer who enjoyed a particularly good spring. The Cowboys could use some luck. Two years ago, they could have staked a claim to leading the nation in significant injuries. Last year they specialized in shooting themselves in the foot. They lost to San Jose State on a 60-yard field goal on the last play of the game. They also lost games to Utah, BYU, and Texas Tech after leading in each.

The schedule isn't too formidable. A rebuilding Oregon State team visits Laramie for the opener on September 4, followed by a visit by Northern Iowa the next weekend. Then comes a game at San Jose State before another game in Laramie, this one against a Utah program that traditionally has a tough time winning on the High Plains. In addition, Hawaii and Fresno State both must travel to Laramie and Brigham Young is not on the Cowboys' schedule this season.

HAWAII

As is usually the case, a price must be paid after a school has had its most successful season in history. In the wake of Hawaii's 11-2 record in 1992 and the school's first major

bowl victory (27-17 over Illinois in the Holiday Bowl), the price was the loss of key personnel. It's true that 13 starters return. It's also true that the nine who don't return provided significant roles. All-America place-kicker Jason Elam will be sorely missed, as will running back Travis Sims, who averaged seven yards per carry, wide receiver Darrick Branch, defensive tackle Maa Tanuvasa, and others.

The offensive line does return four starters (center Lene Amosa, tackles Travis Fonseca and Kely McGill and guard Peter Pale), and this is the unit that led the way for the nation's No. 2 rushing game in 1992. The familiar voice of two-year regular quarterback Michael Carter will be behind them. Carter brings experience to the backfield that is the heart of Hawaii's spread offense. Slotback Brian Gordon and wide receiver Johann Boui are other returnees. At running back where Sims rushed for 1,498 yards a year ago, Calvin Melvin should be the replacement. When Melvin scored two touchdowns in the spring game in Kauai there was some relief that Sims might not be mourned too heavily.

Replacing Tanuvasa and junior Tagoai, the defensive MVP in the Holiday Bowl, will be difficult, but 270-pound tackle Taase Faumu returns. David Tuifa, a transfer from Ricks Junior College, should add immediate help on the line. Senior linebackers Al Alipule and Stewart Williams are back, as are Demitrius



RON RIVERS,
Fresno State

continuity in the program, as well as a CSU flavor, he has retained three of Bruce's coaches (Tom Ehlers, Dave Magazu, and Urban Meyer), added a former Ram quarterback great as the quarterback coach (Steve Farquhar), and brought back a former CSU offensive coordinator (Dave Lay).

Spring ball was practically business as usual, despite the new coach. There were few personnel shakeups. Anthony Hill, a 5-11, 186-pound junior remains the starter at quarterback, flanked by tailback Leonice Brown, a 1,000-yard rusher last season, and wide receiver Matt Phillips. On the line, left guard Pat Meyer and center Bob Cox are both returning second-team all-league performers.

Among the nine defensive starters back are two standouts. Junior outside linebacker Brian Schneider had a team-leading 136 tackles and a WAC-high 12 tackles for loss a year ago. Sophomore free safety Greg Myers was first-team all-WAC and second in the conference with six interceptions. Tackles Steve Norton and Lewis Capes and end Matt Rood return. Ray Jackson, Andre Strode, and Roy Williams rejoin Myers in the secondary.

The Rams aren't giving Lubick the easiest schedule with which to debut. Colorado State has the distinction of being one of just six teams in the nation that will play seven teams that went to bowls last year—Oregon Air Force, Brigham Young, Nebraska, Kansas, Fresno State, and Utah—all in its first eight games. The other game in that stretch is against Marshall Faulk and San Diego State.

NEW MEXICO

For the first time in 17 seasons, New Mexico football returns with its coaching staff intact. Head coach Dennis Franchione, embarking on his second year as a Lobo after debuting with a 3-8 record (2-6 in the WAC), also has a relatively experienced team returning. Eight offensive starters plus place-kicker Mike Nesbitt and seven defensive starters are back. That doesn't mean that depth isn't the perennial problem it's always been in Albuquerque. The Lobos still should be the WAC's thinnest team. They were soundly beaten by Brigham Young (35-0) and San Diego State (49-21) during a season that saw them lose to co-champ Fresno State by just three points and to bowl-bound Air Force by one. The Lobos open the season in Albuquerque against BYU and entertain Fresno State at home after a nonconference game against TCU. It isn't the easiest way for a rebuilding program to launch into the year.

Quarterback Stoney Case and 1,000-yard rusher Winston Oliver, the WAC's 1992 Freshman of the Year, are back on offense, along with four regulars on the line (Klinton Hall, Justin Hall, Corby Hankins, and Kenny Thomas) and a small army of experienced receivers, including three-year letterman Carl Winston, senior Manley Woods, Turbon O'Bannon, Joey Kowalczyk and tight end Jerome Williams.

A defense that led the WAC with 40 sacks a year ago must replace the bulk of the interior line. Junior college transfer Kenny Duilio should provide immediate help inside. All-WAC candidate Tuli Mateaiona, the team's second-leading tackler with 95 last year, anchors the linebacking corps along with sophomore Boston Thomas. Three starters return in the secondary: corners Herb McKinney and Eric Jack and free safety Ray Wilson.

rockies

If nothing else during last year's 1-10 campaign UTEP helped prove that crime does pay. The Miners got whistled for a league-low 49 penalties and averaged only 37 yards in penalties per game. They still finished last. The Miners managed a 20-13 victory at Utah in the seventh game of the season. Other than that, they were winless, although four of the 10 defeats were by nine points or less.

Head coach David Lee, about to enter his fifth year at UTEP, has jiggled his coaching staff. He brought Charlie Bailey back as the defensive coordinator. Bailey had held the same position for the Miners—and Lee—during the 1990-91 seasons before spending 1992 as the defensive line coach of the Orlando Thunder of the World League of American Football. Bailey brought two coaches from the WLAF with him to give UTEP, which ranked last in the WAC and 106th in the country a year ago, a new look on defense. The team's top defender is inside linebacker Barron Wortham, a 6-0, 230-pound senior who has been the Freshman of the Year and a two-time all-WAC selection in his three seasons to date. With 403 career tackles, Wortham is on pace to challenge the school record of 524 held by former linebacker Doug Morgan. Just two other defensive starters are back: nose tackle Larry Davis and end Joel Barczak. The most pleasant defensive surprise of the spring was veteran Steve Thompson, who came on strong to win a starting linebacker slot.

Shawn Gray, the leading rusher with just over 400 yards and a 51 percent passer, is back at quarterback. Senior wide receiver Derrick Brown and junior flanker J.J. Rowlett are other returning starters. The Miners need help at running back after a 1992 season that saw offensive guard Jesse Villareal record the longest run from scrimmage, 55 yards, a game lost to Utah that paved the way for the season's lone victory. Villareal is back this year, but the play that got him his fame—the fumble-rooski—has been outlawed by the NCAA.

big sky conference

predictions

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1. Idaho, 2. Montana, 3. Boise State,
4. Weber State, 5. Eastern Washington
6. Northern Arizona, 7. Montana State
8. Idaho State

IDAHO

Idaho head coach John L. Smith has a Walter Payton Award candidate in senior quarterback Doug Nussmeier, a 62 percent passer who threw for 3,028 yards and 22 touchdowns with just nine interceptions a year ago. He has a first-team all-Big Sky running back in Sherriden May, who gained 1,111 yards while scoring 25 touchdowns. He has a first-team all-Big Sky tackle in Jody Schnog, who anchors an experienced offensive line. And overall, he has six starters returning from an offense that ranked third in Division I-AA, averaging 490 yards per game.

So what does Smith think about? He thinks about a defense that lost seven starters, not

the least of which was first-team All-America end Jeff Robinson. And he thinks about two years ago. "I see ourselves in a similar situation to the 1991 team," said Smith. "We had some big-name players returning on offense but we were 6-5."

Still, you won't find any tears being shed in the Big Sky for the Vandals. This is the program that has become the Big Sky's model of consistency. Besides winning four of the last six conference titles, Idaho has gone to the I-AA playoffs seven of the last eight seasons. No one will be surprised to see the Vandals make it eight of nine. The 6-4, 210-pound Nussmeier is on virtually all of the NFL scouts' pre-season draft lists, often as high as No. 2 or No. 3. And that includes quarterbacks at all collegiate levels. In 28 starts in his three seasons, Nussmeier has completed 561 of 921 attempts for 7,864 yards and 58 touchdowns.



This year he should slide past John Friesz, now with the San Diego Chargers, and wind up on top of most of Idaho's career passing and total offense lists. Friesz finished with 801 completions in 1,350 attempts for 10,697 yards and 77 touchdowns.

The Vandals' defense got a boost when reserve running back Wind Henderson was moved to safety in the spring. Linebackers Duke Garrell and Jason Shell will be the veterans of the unit, along with tackle Brian Stradley and back Miregi Huma.

IDAHO

The Grizzlies continue to play respectable, if not spectacular football and always give the impression that they're about to turn the same corner they turned in 1989, when Don Read's team had a school-record 11 victories and advanced to the Division I-AA national championship semifinal game.

This year suggests more of the same. Thirteen starters are back from 1992's 6-5 team, along with a number of promising recruits. Included are a pair of transfer running backs, Chris Morton from Oregon State and Damon Boddie from American River Community College, either of whom could emerge as a Big Sky star. Bill Cockrell, Shalon Baker, and Scott Gurnsey are returning wide receivers and four line starters—Frank Garrett, Eric Simonson, Scott Gragg, and Joe Martin—also are back. Gragg, at 6-9 and 305 pounds, is the biggest of the group, but he doesn't exactly dwarf any

of his teammates. The smallest of whom is Garrett at 274 pounds. The question mark is at quarterback where two-year letterman Bert Wilberger and sophomore Dave Dickenson battled neck-and-neck through the spring. A starter may not emerge until the season opener against South Dakota State, a game that could give Read his 52nd victory with the Grizzlies (along with 29 losses). When he gets that victory, Read will become the winningest coach in 100 years of Montana football.

Pass rushing, or the lack thereof, will be the key to Montana's defense. Lance Allen, Shawn Merz, and Chuck Mason are the team's interior linemen, while the top linebacker is Dan Downs and the secondary is anchored by free safety Todd Ercson, an All-American candidate whose six interceptions and 97 tackles led the team a year ago. Brothers Mike and Sean Goicoechea, a junior and freshman, respectively, are competing at strong safety. If the defense comes together, a November 6 date at Idaho could have a major impact on the Big Sky race.

At a lot of schools, the 5-6 record the Broncos posted in 1992 would have been if not embraced, at least tolerated. But not at Boise State, where it represented only the second sub-.500 mark in the 47 seasons of football. The fans and the program had seen enough of head coach Skip Hall, who went the way of the other coach (Lyle Setencich went 5-6 in 1986) who finished below .500. He resigned. Replacing Hall on the Bronco Blue AstroTurf of



Bronco Stadium is Pokey Allen, most recently the coach of Port and State. For all intents and purposes, Allen had his employment interview during the 1991 season when he brought his Division II Portland State team to Boise to play Hall's Broncos. Boise State was on a five-game winning streak at the time. Allen's team successfully converted on 11 of 12 third-down opportunities and never punted in a 51-26 victory. In a place like Boise, good football is appreciated even if it's being pounded down one's throat. Allen has moved his staff intact to Boise. It's basically the same group that went 64-26-2 in seven years at Portland State.

During spring ball the transition process seemed to go smoothly enough. Incumbent quarterback Travis Stuart, who threw for more

than 2,000 yards last year, emerged as the starter, although he is expected to be pushed in the fall by junior college transfer Lee Schrack. Tight end Dave Deitz also held onto his starting spot, and since quarterback and tight end are the two key positions in Allen and offensive coordinator Alan Borges's 49er type system, these two should be an integral part of the Pokey Era in Boise. Ditto for wide receiver and All-America candidate Mike Wilson who caught 76 passes for 913 yards.

Eight defensive starters return, but that's from the unit that ranked last in the Big Sky and statistically was the worst in school history. It's in the secondary that the Broncos need the most help. A challenge, too, will be on the offensive line, with only two starters returning. Among Allen's recruits, junior college transfer Willie Bowens, a running back could turn the most heads.

The biggest challenge facing Weber State and head coach Dave Arslanian is how to replace the most prolific quarterback in Division I-AA. Gone is Jamie Martin, a starter for 36 straight games who threw for 12,207 yards and 87 touchdowns in his career. Replacing the 1991 Walter Payton Award winner won't be easy. Weber went through the spring looking at four candidates, with no clear-cut choice emerging. Rob Westervelt, a junior who backed up Martin the last two seasons, led the gang of four, followed in no particular order by sophomores Bryan Martin and Tyler DeHart and freshman Brad Otton. "Obviously, finding a starter to replace Jamie is a high priority," said Arslanian. "But we have four excellent players to choose from. We are not going to rush them, but let them develop and see who emerges." Whoever emerges will have the top eight receivers from last year to throw to. That includes starters Nate Burchette, Fred Safron, and Trevor Shaw, the team leader with 50 receptions. Burchette added 47 receptions. Also in the receiving group are Dell Stilson, Joel Pelagio-Williams, Pokey Eckford, Pat McNerney, and Wade Lindley. At running back, Von Robinson figures to be the early-season starter, pushed by Eric Roof and Eddie Lue, a transfer from Cal State Fullerton.

Of the seven defensive starters returning, three-year letterman Jantz Afuva is the headliner along with cornerback Mark Hood. Depth should be a strength for the Wildcats with 34 lettermen back, 17 on each side of the line. So, too, should the schedule. Early-season nonconference games against Sonoma State and Ca. State-Northridge are both in Ogden as are games against expected Big Sky contenders Idaho and Boise State.

IDAHO STATE

Forty letter-winners and half of the starters from last season's 7-5 playoff-quality team return for coach Dick Zornes, whose biggest worries are finding replacements for his quarterback and defensive line. "If we can get those two things done, we could be as good as we were last year," said Zornes. "Every spring we have to rebuild something. Last year, it was the offensive line."

All four starters from a defensive line that held opponents to just 83 rushing yards per game (second in the nation) are gone. The four earned all-Big Sky mention and Tommy

Williams won All-America accolades. If transfers Ron Braxton, an end and Lamont Mason a tackle, come along quickly the Eagles could hold their own along the line. At quarterback, with four-year starter Mark Tenneson gone, the most likely replacement is junior Todd Bennett, although no final decision was made concerning No. 1 in the spring. Also in the competition is junior college transfer and 1992 redshirt Torrey Smith.

St. Louis Eastern has a number of players back who paved the way to a share of the league championship with Idaho. The Eagles finished the regular season ranked 14th in the nation in the I-AA playoffs; they traveled to Northern Iowa and lost, 17-14. Among the top returnees are four first-team, all-Big Sky selections: cornerback Jackie Keellogg, offensive guard Harold Fox, offensive tackle Trent Pollard, and wide receiver Tony Brooks. Also returning are linebacker Jason Marsh and running back Harold Wright, all-Big Sky second-teamers. Wright heads a strong running attack that includes sophomore David Lewis and Daryl Wright, Harold's brother.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Coach Steve Axman's Lumberjacks won't have trouble finding motivation this season. Of their seven losses during 1992's 4-7 campaign, five were by a combined 23 points. NAU lost by three to Southern Utah, by six to Boise State, by one to Montana, and by six to Eastern Washington and Weber State. They may all five of those foes again this season.

Fourteen starters return in a veteran lineup that includes second-year quarterback Jeff Lewis and eight defenders from the unit that finished tied for first in the Big Sky. Linebacker Beau Smith had 130 tackles and was honorable mention All-America. Fellow linebacker Scott Strin' had 114 tackles. Chuck Walton, Chris West, and Greg Semas are returning starters on a line that had 30 quarterback sacks and 45 tackles for loss a year ago. To assist Lewis on offense Len Raney, a national leader in kickoff returns in 1992, will be the one-back in the backfield. Receivers Alex Calderwood and Kevin Sullivan combined for 54 catches a year ago. They'll be joined by transfer wide receiver Antonio Morgan and Angel Martinez, two of the Lumberjacks' most anticipated recruits. Another top returnee is punter/place-kicker Terry Belden.

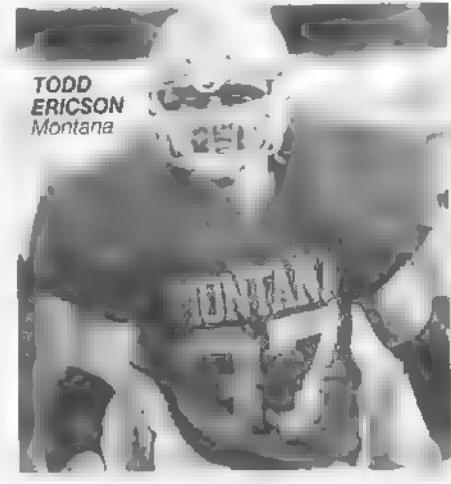
It won't take long for the Lumberjacks to get into the swing of a revenge theme. They open at Southern Utah on September 4.

BOBCATS

Coach Cliff Hysell launches into his second year with the Bobcats after a 4-7 maiden voyage in 1992. "We now know what some of the guys can do," said Hysell. "Last year, we didn't have any idea. We need to continue to raise the level of talent in this program." One thing the Bobcats would like to do is have a winning season. It's been nine years since that happened. In the past eight years, the program hasn't won more than four games in any single season. By that standard, Hysell's first effort was the high-water for Montana State. This year there are 15 starters back, some promise at quarterback, where Chad Mayer returns with Brock Spencer and Ryan Groves nipping at his heels, and depth and experience at linebacker and in both lines.

"We definitely made some progress last year," said Hysell. "We have a long way to go, but we've improved." The numbers at virtually every position have improved. On the offensive line, for example, 13 players reported in the spring, compared with six the year before. The Bobcats' honors candidates include cornerback/return specialist Sean Hill and wide receiver Clint Bryan, who sat out last year. Among the recruits expected to make immediate impact are junior college transfer Raymond Bragg, a wide receiver who had an excellent spring, and fullback Tim Ryan, a refugee from Cal State Fullerton.

The schedule isn't easy. Road games at Western Illinois and Washington State start it off. But no schedule is bad that has Montana visiting Bozeman. The Bobcats will host this year's MSU-Montana game in Sales Stadium on November 13.



TODD ERICSON
Montana

BIG SKY

Numbers and expectations are up in Brian McNeely's second season as head coach of the Bengals. A roster of more than 100 players was anticipated for fall drills, almost double from a few years ago. "We're definitely better, we're improved, but I don't think we're ready to compete for the title," said McNeely, who took over a program that had gone 14-49-2 before he arrived. The three victories in his inaugural season were a step in the right direction as far as Pocatello was concerned, particularly since they included a triumph over archrival Boise State in the annual "Globe of Death" game. Also, three of the year's eight losses were by a touchdown or less.

The Bengals will continue to run the option, making them something of an aberration in the pass-crazy Big Sky. Returning as quarterback is Shawn Behr, but he could wind up sharing time with either Alfredo Anderson or Virgil Gardner, a freshman and J.C. transfer respectively. Behr is the passer of the group, while Gardner and Anderson more closely resemble option-style quarterbacks. Running back Robert "Turbo" Johnson figured high in last season's freshman-of-the-year balloting after gaining 59 yards per carry and ranking second in the nation in kickoff returns (29.7-yard average). He's a team strength, as are cornerback Eric Alden, free safety Brian Bethel, strong safety Johnny Flowers and inside linebacker Rod Murphy. Add to this list offensive tackle Steve Mutsaers, a former J.C. All-American who transferred from Arkansas. □

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SOUTHERN CAL

The Trojans will have a familiar look this season—if you were around in the 1960s, '70s, and early '80s John Robinson will reinstitute the tailback-oriented offense and physically demanding defense that served him so well as John McKay's successor "Football," Robinson said, "is a physical game first. That has not changed and it never will change."

Robinson has eight offensive and nine defensive starters back from the last Larry Smith team, which went 6-5-1 overall, 5-3 and tied for third in the Pac-10. The best of them are

predictions

pacific-10 conference

- 1 Southern California, 2 Washington,
- 3 Arizona, 4 Arizona State, 5 UCLA,
- 6 Stanford, 7 Washington State,
- 8 Oregon, 9 California, 10 Oregon State

All-American offensive tackle Tony Boselli, a leading Outland Trophy candidate, defensive end Willie McGinest, an All-America and Butkus Award contender, and all-Pac-10 second-team receiver Johnnie Morton, who is tied for third on USC's all-time receiving list.

Junior Rob Johnson (2,118 yards passing) is back at quarterback, but leading rusher Eric Crayton is gone, so Robinson likely will choose between sophomore Dwight McFadden (465 yards rushing) and senior Deon

Strother, who was slowed by ankle injuries, as his workhorse, I-formation tailback. Untested Rory Brown, Michael Jones, and Kevin Clark will bid to replace Wes Bender at fullback. The early departure of Curtis Conway to the NFL leaves a major void at wide receiver and in the kick-return spot. Junior Ryan Lenderman, red-shirt freshman Quincy Harrison, and JC transfer Ken Grace will vie to start opposite Morton. The offensive line should be very tough with starters Boselli and Len Gorecki at tackle, Joel Crisman and Kris Pollack at guard, Craig Gibson at center, and Brad Banta, who will be a key man in Robinson's offense, at tight end.

The defense, under new coordinator Don Lindsey, who served both McKay and Robinson in the '70s, will be minus only end David Webb and safety Stephon Pace. McGinest, who had 63 tackles, 23 for losses, and 16 sacks, will be at one end in Lindsey's 4-3 alignment, with senior Darren Gallaway opposite him, and hard-nosed seniors Thomas Holland and Mike Hinz at the tackles. Senior Shannon Jones should be the middle linebacker, with juniors Jeff Kopp and Brian Williams, who played inside last season, at the outside positions. The secondary will be led by seniors Jason Sehorn (80 tackles in 1992) and Mike Salmon at the safeties and senior Jason Oliver at one cornerback with junior Jerald Henry at the other.

Either McFadden or Morton may try to fill the void left by Conway as a kickoff returner, with Sehorn or Salmon possible as Conway's successor at returning punts, but newcomers could figure too. More consistency is needed from junior place-kicker Cole Ford, who made just 11 of 20 field goal attempts. But returning punter John Stonehouse set school records in '92 for most punts (80) and punt yardage

ROB JOHNSON
Southern Cal



(3,099) and had just 31 of his kicks returned.

Robinson will get no breaks in his return to the college game after a decade's absence. The Trojans' schedule was rated the most difficult in the nation last season, and should be nearly as challenging this fall, with eight '92 bowl teams on tap. But Robinson has never lacked for confidence. And he seems to have many of the tools to contend for a conference championship. He won three of those the last time he was in charge of the Trojans, not to mention nearly 80 percent of his games during seven seasons as head coach, including a 6-1 record against Notre Dame and 5-2 vs. Pac-10 archrival UCLA.

WASHINGTON

The Huskies not only had their winning streak stopped at 22 games during the 1992 season, they went through almost as many scandals as the British royal family. And the problems aren't over yet. They may enter this season without knowing if they'll be on probation, after an investigation of an interest-free loan to now departed quarterback Billy Joe Hobert and reports of easy-money summer jobs for other players. That large distraction plus significant losses in the playing ranks may topple the team from what has become its almost accustomed rung at the top of the Pac-10.

Don James must replace not just one quarterback but two. Mark Brunell leaves as well as Hobert. Sophomore Damon Huard and converted flanker Eric Bjornson are vying to fill the spot. The receivers, except for senior Joe Kralik and junior Damon Barry, will be young, too, although sophomores Jason Shelley and Theron Hill have sprinters' speed. Running back is the best and deepest skill position on the team, with Napoleon Kaufman, one of the nation's top tailbacks (1,045 yards rushing and also an ace kick returner) backed by senior Beno Bryant, whose 1992 season was shortened by a hamstring injury, with solid blocker Matt Jones returning at fullback.

The offensive line, even minus All-American tackle Lincoln Kennedy, should be very

Hillary Butler attempting to replace All-America Dave Hoffman and Clifford, who had 173 tackles between them, inside. Pahukoa, Torrie Smith, and Walter Bailey all will be missing in the secondary, but James thinks he'll be able to fill in well there with backups Josh Moore and Reggie Reser at the corners, either Lamar Lyons or redshirt freshman Lawyer Milloy at free safety, and Louis Jones or David Killpatrick at rover.

Travis Hanson returns as the Husky place-kicker and he's coming off a season in which he was 10 of 13 on field goal attempts and hit all 36 extra-point tries. The reliable John Werdell is back as the punter.

The Huskies (9-3 overall, 6-2 in the Pac-10) were only eighth in the conference in total defense but James said, "We feel good about what we're doing. We just have to take out the number of big plays that we gave up. The

KANSAS CITY

For a six-week stretch in the middle of last season, the Wildcats, thanks to a smothering defense, were as good as any team in the nation. They lost to Miami by only one point during that span and upset Washington. But before and after the big six weeks, the 'Cats were only so-so, finishing 6-5-1 (4-3-1 in the Pac-10, good for fifth place) and losing to Baylor in the John Hancock Bowl. The defense—at least the front seven—should be special again, but Dick Tormey needs to find more offense if he's to contend for a Pac-10 title.

The first task is to find a quarterback to replace the inconsistent George Maiaulu. Sophomore transfer Dan White and redshirt freshmen Henry Cofer and Ryan Hesson are the main candidates, but freshmen Brady Batten and Sean O'Brien will get a look, too. Ontwaun Carter, the 'Cats leading rusher in 1992 with 739 yards, Chuck Levy (who's recovering from knee surgery), and Billy Johnson form a good running back corps, and seniors Troy Dickey and Terry Vaughn are back as the wide receivers. The offensive line looks like a strength, too, with returnees Paul Stamer at tackle, Eric Johnson and Warner Smith at guard, Rod Lewis at tight end, and Hicham El Mashtoub and Mani Ott at center. Junior Mu Tagoai, who has played all the line positions, likely will be the other starter.

Towering over the defense, which was the nation's best against scoring in 1992, is consensus All-America nose guard Rob Waldrop, who not only weighs 275 pounds but has run a 4.65 40-yard dash. He led the Pac-10 last season with 22 tackles for loss. Waldrop, who bench-pressed 500 pounds and squatted more than 700 in spring testing, will be joined up front by all-out sophomore Teddy Brusch.



Washington State game and the Rose Bowl [a 38-31 loss to Michigan] are examples of times when big plays really hurt us. The defense can also do a lot to protect our quarterbacks, if we can stay away from shootouts.

There's no doubt the Huskies have the ingredients to be near the top of the league again. But they didn't finish well under duress last season (three losses in the last four games), and things may not get any easier.



JOHNNIE MORTON
Southern Cal

and junior Jim Hoffman, with redshirt junior Akil Jackson and senior Shawn Jarrett at outside linebacker and junior Sean Harris and senior Brant Boyer—a very physical duo—inside. Harris, who had 71 tackles, 11 for loss, was a second-team all-Pac-10 selection. Boyer contributed 66 tackles.

There is some concern in the secondary where all-Pac-10 cornerback Keshon Johnson is gone. In the spring, Tormey switched junior Mike Scurlock, who had played at middle linebacker and safety to one corner, with senior Jay Phillips, redshirts Claudius Wright and Spencer Wray, and transfers Shawn Parnell and Derrick Stewart competing at the other. The impressive safeties are sophomore Brandon Sanders and junior Tony Bouie.

tough, too. Senior center Jim Nevelle is the leader, with other returning starters including guards Andrew Peterson and Frank Garcia, tackle Tom Gallagher, and tight ends Mark Bruener (second on the team with 21 receptions) and Ernie Conwell. Guard Pete Kaligis, out with a knee injury last season, also has starting experience.

The defense is much less sure, with the likes of Dave Hoffman, James Clifford, Jaime Fields, and Shane Pahukoa all gone. The line should be fine with Jamal Fountaine, D'Marco Farr, and Steve Hoffman back, but the picture is not so clear at linebacker. The anchor there will be Lombardi Award candidate Andy Mason, who has moved to Fields's vacated spot outside. He had 14½ tackles for loss last season. Donovan Schmidt, Mason's backup in '92, should be at the other outside linebacking position, with seniors Steve Springstead and

All-America punter Josh Miller has departed, so junior place-kicker Steve McLaughlin (just 11 for 20 on field goal attempts) may do double duty. McLaughlin averaged 42 yards per kick in high school. He'll be challenged by redshirt freshman Matt Peyton.

Pac-10 Coach of the Year Tomey has been very consistent. In the last 10 years the Wildcats have been above .500 in the conference eight times, a figure that trails only the nine posted by Washington and USC. And they get a break this fall by not having to play Washington. Tomey has pinpointed what he needs to succeed. "We have to find a quarterback, punter, and some cornerbacks," he said. "And then everyone else needs to get better. We'll have a lot of numbers on the field in the fall. We can be a good football team if we answer some of the questions."

ARIZONA STATE

Coach Bruce Snyder loves to run the football and his Sun Devils will run it as well as anyone in the Pac-10 this season if gifted tailbacks Mario Bates and George Montgomery are recovered from season-ending knee injuries. Sophomore Bates ran for 441 yards in just three games before being hurt. As it was, the Sun Devils, who opened the season 1-3, won five of their last seven games to finish 8-5 overall and 4-4 in the Pac-10.



TEDY BRUSCHI
Arizona



LENNY MCGILL
Arizona

Seven starters return on offense. Sophomore Grady Benton, who passed for 1,707 yards and broke the NCAA freshman record for highest completion percentage (66.2), will direct the attack with JC transfers John Livingston and Johnny Thomas joining Clyde McCoy at wide receiver, where Eric Guldorf is a major loss. Brian Ryder, who subbed for Bob Brasher in '92 or sophomore Steve Bush will be at tight end, and four of the five starters return in the interior. The senior Toby Mills, an all-Pac-10 second-teamer at center, senior Farrington "Taco" Togai, a 329-pounder at guard and senior Greg Thurston and talented junior Jeff Kysar at tackle. The other guard may be three-year veteran Chuck Underwood. Also returning up front is junior tackle DeMario Vaughn, who missed most of last season with a heart virus. So Snyder thinks he has more depth in that unit.

The Sun Devils will be hard pressed to duplicate their defensive production of last season. They finished No. 2 in the Pac-10 and seventh in the nation allowing only 268.8 yards per game, and just 16 points in the fourth quarter. But the heart of that defense—players such as Brett Wellerstedt, Kevin Muehleid and Adam Brass—has departed, and Snyder's concerned about a depleted line and depth at inside linebacker and in the secondary. But he has All-America end Shante Carver, an Outland Trophy and Lombard Award candidate, back as an anchor at one end spot. Carver had 10 quarterback sacks for a three-season total of 31. Senior Larry Boyd, redshirt freshman Brent Burnstein, or transfer Ken Talanoa will be at the opposite end with Bryan Proby, Talanoa, Mike Balan, and redshirt freshman Shawn Swayda vying



at tackle. Transfer Darren Venu, who's from New Zealand, could be a factor in the fall.

Returning starter Justin Dragoo, who's coming off knee surgery, and either sophomore Sam Santana or junior Dan Lucas, should be at inside linebacker, with Jean Boyd, an all-Pac-10-caliber player who was plagued by injuries last season, at rover. Junior Kendall Rhyne and either sophomore Marcus Soward or transfer Craig Newsome should work in the secondary with big senior cornerback Lenny McGill. Some think Newsome, a multi-talented athlete with great speed, was the nation's best JC cornerback.

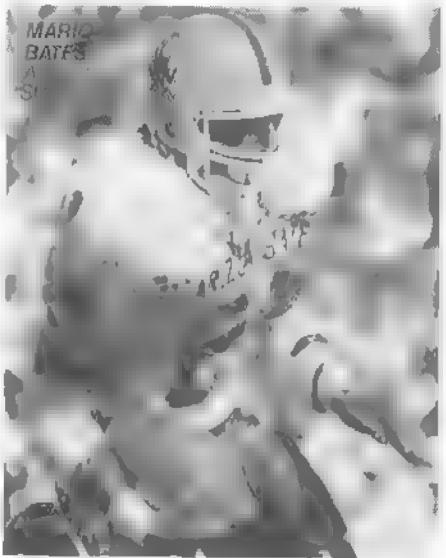
Four-year starter Mike Richey, one of the league's most accurate place-kickers and two-year punter Steve Rausch are gone, but

two highly regarded athletes will take over. Cal State Fullerton transfer Noel Prefontaine as the punter and freshman Marcus Williams as the place-kicker. Prefontaine was third in the Big West last season (41.7).

BRUNNERS

Injuries led to inconsistency for a Bruin team that won three in a row to open the season, then lost five straight before rebounding with three consecutive victories for a 6-5 overall record, but just a 3-5 mark, good for eighth place, in the Pac-10. Coach Terry Donahue is in position for a considerably better finish this fall if he can keep his squad healthy.

Three quarterbacks, junior Wayne Cook and sophomores Rob Walker and Ryan Fien, all showed ability in 1992 before going down and out with injuries. They'll battle for the starting spot. There's a contest at running back, too, where junior Daron Washington (No. 2 rusher with 415 yards) is competing with James Milner and T Ford for one spot, and Rickey Davis is vying with Sharmon Shah and Derek Ayers at the other. Wide receiver is



more settled, even with the departure of all-time leading receiver Sean LaChapelle. Juniors J.J. Stokes and Mike Nguyen had 41 and 25 receptions respectively. Senior Brian Allen, who split time as a starter a year ago, moves in at tight end.

The interior line should be excellent, although Donahue is concerned about depth. Tackle Vaughn Parker is a candidate for the Lombard Award and the Outland Trophy and tackle Jonathan Ogden was a first-team Freshman All-American. The guards are returning starters Craig Novitsky, an honors candidate, and Derek Stevens. The likely center is junior James Christensen.

There was a cloud over the defense in the spring, when two starters, big-play junior outside linebacker Jamir Miller and senior lineman Bruce Walker, were suspended indefinitely from the team after being arrested for investigation of possessing stolen property. The Bruins appear to have enough depth to replace them if necessary, though. Senior Matt Werner and junior Sale Isaia have starting experience in the line, where Kim Lawhorn, London Woodfin, Gary Walton, George Kase, and Grady Stretz will push for playing time. Junior Rod Smalley could step in for

Miler at outside backer opposite Donnie Edwards who was tied for second on the team with 61 tackles. Or senior Bradley Craig could switch back from inside linebacker.

Seniors Nkosi Littleton and Carrick O'Quinn are the likely starters inside pushed by junior Shane Jasper. The secondary returns two quality regulars in junior strong safety Marvin Goodwin and junior cornerback Carl Greenwood. But All-America corner Carlton Gray and Othello Henderson will have to be replaced. Senior Robert Gamble and sophomore Teddy Lawrence should vie for Gray's position, with senior Travis Collier, sophomore Tommy Bennett, and redshirt freshman Abdu McCullough competing at free safety.

Junior Darren Schager, who averaged 41.9 yards on 74 kicks, handles the punting chores, with Bjorn Merten ahead of fellow redshirt freshman Greg Andrasick to replace Louis Perez as the place-kicker.

The nonconference schedule doesn't look too taxing. The Bruins draw both Nebraska and Brigham Young at home. And the major Pac-10 tests are at the Rose Bowl or in Los Angeles, too. But this was a team that, largely because of the injuries, fell well beyond expectations in 1992.

WILSON
Bill Walsh may need all of his considerable wiles to keep the Cardinal from falling into the middle of the Pac-10 pack after losing the core of his defense off a squad that was 10-3 overall, 6-2 and tied for the top in the Pac-10 and beat Penn State in the Blockbuster Bowl.

Stanford recorded three notable firsts in 1992: (1) first 10-win season at the school since 1940, (2) first Pac-10 title since 1971 and (3) first New Year's Day bowl since 1972. And it added just the fifth national top 10 finish in school history. The most important number from 1993, however, may be the 12 starters Walsh lost, including seven from a defense that finished the season ranked 10th in the nation. All-America Ron George and four-year starter Dave Garnett leave a huge void at outside linebacker and three starters, All-America John Lynch, all-Pac-10 Darren Gordon and three-year starter Seyon Auber are gone from the secondary, along with Estevan Avila up front.

The key returning defenders are linemen Tyrone Parker and Jason Fisk, who probably will team with either junior David Carder or junior Nate Olsen (Hall of Famer Merlin Olsen's son), who has been converted back to defense from running back; inside linebackers Coy Gibbs and Toby Norwood, and cornerback Vaughn Bryant, a potential star. Sophomore Jason White, senior Tommy Knecht, a converted safety and junior Damon Phillips are the leaders in the hunt to replace George and Garnett. Sophomore Kwame Ellis is favored to join Bryant at cornerback, with Kevin Garnett, John Henton, David Walker, and Damien Crochet battling at safety.

On offense, Walsh is most concerned about the development of his line which didn't do a good job of protecting quarterback Steve Stenstrom last season and will be without starter Chris Dalman. But there is a quartet of fifth-year seniors: tackles Steve Hoyem and Jeff Bailey, guard Brian Cassidy an honors candidate whose '92 season was cut short by a knee injury, and center Glen Cavanaugh. Junior T.J. Gaynor may start at the other guard

Converted flanker Justin Armour should be the starting tight end and senior Tony Cline replaces Ryan Wetnight. Stenstrom is a steady quarterback who had led the Cardinals to a 17-4 record as a starter but his runners and pass catchers will be new. All-America Glynn Mumm's another big loss at running back, and starting fullback J.J. Lasley departs as well. Ellery Roberts (381 yards rushing in

the last four games) may be primed for a big season, though Senior Ethan Allen is likely to step in at fullback. Replacing receivers Mike Cook (53 receptions) and Armour may be senior David Shaw and junior college All-American Mark Harris or sophomore Jami Webb.

Soph Eric Abrams gave promise of being one of the nation's top young place-kickers in '92, hitting 16 of 20 field goals, but punter Paul Stonehouse graduated. Aaron Mills replaces him. It seems likely that a recruiting class that includes 19 prep All-Americans and has been ranked tops in the Pac-10 and fourth nationally will get plenty of chances to contribute.

WASHINGTON STATE

The Cougar brass is actually saying that quarterback Drew Bledsoe, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, may be easier to replace than running backs Shaumbra Wright-Fair and Derek Sparks, who's out for the 1993 season with a shoulder injury. Either way, it seems doubtful that the Cougars can display the sort of offense they had in a surprising 1992 season when they went 9-3 overall and finished in a third-place tie in the Pac-10 with a 5-3 record.

Mike Price also will be minus starting receivers Phillip Bobo and C.J. Davis, tight end Clarence Williams, and three offensive linemen. Price is hoping several second-unit performers can step in quickly, most notably fifth-year senior quarterback Mike Pattinson, who, if nothing else, is more mobile than Bledsoe, who passed for 3,246 yards. Pattinson will be throwing to one veteran wide receiver, Deron



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Pointer, and talented tight end Brett Carolan, who caught 33 passes in '92 as Williams's backup. Keith Reynolds may be the other wideout. Running back is a major quest on mark, with league-leading rusher Wright-Fair and Sparks gone. Transfer Kevin Hicks will vie with redshirt freshman Elijah Raphael, veteran Delton Johnson, and sophomore Frank Madu. The offensive line returns only two starters: guard Josh Dunn and tackle Mike Barley, but center Steve Wolfe started in 1990 and 1991 before hurting a knee. Joining that group should be junior Clay Reis at guard and redshirt Marc McCloskey at tackle, but there seems to be some depth behind them.

The Cougars may go as far as a defense that was ranked No. 18 in the nation last season can carry them. "I think we'll be better on defense because we're bigger, stronger, and more experienced," Price said. Nine starters are back, including linemen Ray Hall, Brian Ford, and DeWayne Patterson, linebackers Anthony McCuanahan and Ron Chiodo, and all four members of the secondary: cornerbacks



Torey Hunter and Greg Burns and safeties Signor Mobley and John Rushing. Very much a part of the picture up front is junior Chad Eaton, who the Cougar coaches think could develop into the best tackle ever at WSU. Senior McCuanahan is an outstanding player, too, a Butkus Award candidate who had 140 tackles last season after a Pac-10-high 144 in 1991. Chiodo added 104. The third linebacker spot was a contest in the spring among veterans T.J. Folkers and sophomores Chris Hayes and Derrick Hentz.

The kicking game looks solid again with the return of Aaron Price, the coach's son, as place-kicker and Steve Johnston as punter. Price had game-winning field goals against Arizona in the regular season and Utah in the Copper Bowl.

The Cougars won't have to wait long to determine if their new, more quick-hitting offense is going to be potent enough to shoot for another 4,000-5,000-yard season, which has become almost commonplace in Pullman, and a second straight bowl bid. Price's club opens September 4 against Michigan in Ann Arbor before settling into what looks like a somewhat favorable schedule.

OREGON

Rich Brooks is feeling frustrated after another competitive season that saw the Ducks rebound from a 3-8 mark in 1991 to 6-6 and a berth in the Independence Bowl. "The good news is we've been to three bowl games in the last four years and we're among the better

programs in the nation," Brooks said. "The bad news is we're not going to the Rose Bowl and not ending the season ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation."

Those things don't figure to change in 1993 unless Brooks can find more consistency in a team that was just 4-4 in the Pac-10. The Ducks do have some weapons, however. The defense self-destructed in the Independence Bowl against Wake Forest, but it was 14th-ranked nationally and 6-5, 280-pound end and nose tackle Romeo Bandison could have a huge year. Senior Gary Williams and junior Silvia Malepeai, sidelined by elbow surgery last season, should man the front with Ban-

assment he may not execute, the quarterback doesn't recognize a situation where he needs to get rid of the ball, or a receiver doesn't run the appropriate route.

CALIFORNIA

Keith Gilbertson had a rough baptism as a Pac-10 head coach last season, and unless he can develop a defense—not to mention replacements for a couple of key offensive players—in a hurry, it's likely to be another long season. The Bears were just 4-7 overall and 2-6 and in ninth place in the Pac-10.

Still, the talent isn't bad, and it will get better. Gilbertson's recruiting class has been ranked No. 14 in the nation, and tops in the Pac-10 along with Stanford's. But in a conference as good as this one, veteran talent usually wins, and the Bears may not have enough of it in 1993, particularly since players such as Sean Dawkins, who left early for the NFL; Russell White, and Mack Travis are gone.

Junior quarterback Dave Barr (2,343 yards passing) again will run an offense that was No. 2 in the Pac-10 with 389.3 yards per game. Dawkins, in particular, is a huge loss, but seniors Mike Caldwell and Damien Semien, who combined for 44 catches, are back at wide receiver and four running backs return, led by honors candidate Lindsey Chapman, who'll be backed by Reynard Rutherford and Tyrone Edwards, with Marty Holly at fullback.



Mike Squires

dison, with talented Ernest Jones and sophomore Tony Koker at outside linebacker and David Massey and either Jeremy Asher or John Taumoepeau inside. But team MVP Joe Farwell and Terrell Edwards will be missed in the linebacking corps. Herman O'Berry, who led the Pac-10 with six interceptions, is a terrific cornerback, but there is uncertainty at the other corner, where sophomore Alex Molden is trying to recover from a serious knee injury. If Molden can't go, transfer Dante Lewis or junior Eugene Jackson may get the call. Junior Chad Cota will take over for Eric Castle, who had 12 career interceptions, at one safety spot, with Lewis, Jeff Sherman, or Grady O'Connor at the other.

The kicking game may be the best in the conference, thanks to dual-purpose senior Tommy Thompson, who was sixth nationally in field goals and averaged 41.4 yards per punt and is a strong All-America candidate.

Offensively the Ducks will have to do something about the 47 quarterback sacks they gave up in 1992. When he had time, quarterback Danny O'Neill did a good job in his sophomore season, passing for 2,152 yards. He'll be working again with tailbacks Sean Burwell and Ricky Whittle, who combined for more than 1,400 yards rushing, and split end Derrick Deadwiler (29 receptions in nine games before separating his shoulder). Returnee Juan Sheddick, a very capable blocker, will open at fullback again, with sophomore Cristin McLemore likely at flanker and solid junior Wily Tate at tight end.

The offensive line is a veteran group, with seniors the probable starters at all five interior positions. Steve Hardin and Justin Starck get first call at tackle, with Mike DiFonzo and Eric Barnes at guard, and Tom Curran at center. Brooks doesn't blame the line alone for all those sacks last season. "The line got a bad rap," he said. "Often, a back has a blocking



The Bears will have a big, experienced offensive line, headed by All-America candidate Todd Steussie at tackle and Eric Mahlum at center. Brian Thure should be at the other tackle, with Todd Blackwell and probably Randy Nonhof at guards. Tight end is uncertain, since Chris Carpenter went out with a serious knee injury in the spring.

Cal was a girth in the nation in total defense through the first eight games, but depth could be a problem this season. The mix up front should include junior Brad Bowers, sophomore Duane Clemons, and seniors Stafford Evans, who is coming off shoulder surgery, and Bill Ayer with JC transfer Greg Webb a possible breakthrough at tackle. Linebacking will revolve around Jerry Willard, who set the tempo last season with a relentless style of play. He led the Pac-10 with 133 tackles, including 9½ behind the line of scrimmage. Junior Paul Joiner is likely to start ins de opposite Willard with help from Jim Joiner and Maurice Johnson. Senior Michael Davis and sophomore James Stalworth will work outside.

The secondary was decent last season with just seven interceptions. But senior Isaac

Booth, who had four of those, returns at one corner and veteran Jody Graham and junior college transfer Rich Richardson at the other. Senior Eric Zomalt, who was third on the team with 62 tackles, will be at strong safety. With Edwards now a running back, sophomore Jerod Cherry figures to move in at free safety, but transfer Darrell Miles might give him an argument.

Doug Brien, who is on target to become the school's all-time leading field goal kicker during the season, is an All-America candidate. Punting probably will be handled by redshirt freshman Ryan Longwell. Junior college standout Lataro Rachal could help both as a punt and kickoff returner, as could redshirt freshman Na'l Benjamin.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Jerry Pettibone was under no illusions when he took the head coaching job in Corvallis three seasons ago. "I knew the job was a tremendous challenge," he said. "The Pac-10 is probably, from top to bottom, the toughest football conference in the country. But I still feel Oregon State can be successful." Pettibone has posted 1-10 and 1-9-1 records. But even though the Beavers were just 0-7-1 in the Pac-10 last season, they competed well against Arizona, Stanford, UCLA, and Oregon. Pettibone thinks they'll keep improving.

The measure of a program in transition is that starting quarterback Mark Olford has been shifted to cornerback because of passing deficiencies. Ian Shields may get the call-

ahead of youngsters Don Shanklin and Rahim Muhammad. Senior Chad Paulson (381 yards rushing), J.J. Young, and J.D. Stewart look to be the best of a deep and veteran running corps, but sophomore Chris Cross is the only returning wide receiver among four wide receivers who saw



CHAD PAULSON
Oregon State

much playing time. Tight end Ray Penniman is coming back from offseason shoulder surgery. The Beavers' offensive line looks decent, with returning starters John Garrett, who played well in '92, Christian Miller, and Johnny Feinga at tackle, guard, and center, respectively. Jim Buchanan likely will open at the other tackle, with Adam Albaugh and Alai K-

Ianiuvalu, who is being shifted from defense, vying for the other guard position.

The leader on the defensive line is senior tackle Chad de Sully. He'll work alongside Eric Hale, David Kiepke, and Tom Holmes, who is coming back from shoulder surgery that forced him to miss the '92 season. If Holmes is not ready, look for JC transfer Packy Ena to step in. Linebacker should be the team's deepest position with starters Tony O'Bilovich, Rico Petrin, and Cory Huot and top backup Kane Rogers all returning. Pettibone is concerned about the depth in his secondary, but he finally has some quality players there, and some experience. Reggie Tongue and Herschel Currie will be at the corners, with Michael Hale, who has been hampered by an ankle injury, and William Ephraim at the safeties. Ephraim, a junior, was honorable-mention all-Pac-10. The hope is that Olford will blossom after his switch of positions.

Pettibone hopes to emphasize the Beavers' kicking game, which will be nothing if not versatile. Jamie Burke is the place-kicker and Tim Kolas the punter, but they can switch roles if necessary. Kolas averaged 41.8 yards on 71 punts last season.

One national sports publication listed the Beavers' '92 schedule as the second-most difficult in Division I; another said it was the third-toughest. Eight opponents made it to bowl games and eight were in the top 25 at one time or another during the season. This year's schedule looks a little easier, but it includes all the Pac-10 toughies except USC.

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NEVADA

The Wolfpack opened in the Big West the same way it closed in the Big Sky with a conference championship. Chris Ault's team has now won three straight league titles, and seems to have enough back after a 7-5 season (5-1 in the Big West) to shoot for No. 4.

Ault's offense continued to move the ball in 1992, averaging 430 yards a game but its point production was down to just 25.8. That should change with more experience at all the ball-handling positions. Quarterback Chris "Magic" Vargas started just five games but still threw for 2,094 yards and all five of his top receivers—Bryan Reeves (81 receptions for 1,114 yards), Michael Stephens, Chris Singleton, Mike Senior, and tight end Tom Maltz—return. So do running backs Deric Holmes and Zeke Moore, who'll be joined by J.C. All-America Marcellus Chrishon, who rushed for more than 1,500 yards and scored 27 TDs at Saddleback Junior College.

Defensively the Wolfpack may be down a little because of the loss of seven starters including the entire secondary. But returning are sophomore inside linebacker Lamonte Porter, who led the team with 115 tackles, and outside linebacker Steve Bryant, the big-play man with 17 tackles for losses including 10 sacks. Back, too, is defensive tackle Jim Jones, the team's most consistent lineman. Ault concentrated on recruiting defensive backs, and came up with two quick transfers—Bernie Chapman and Sam Elliott.

The offensive line will be built around four returning starters, senior tackle Todd Shara, guards Tony Lorenz and Anthony Valentin, and center Ryan O'Donnell.

Experienced punter Steve Lester is back but place-kicker Steve Terek is out with an injury. Redshirt freshman Buddy Welman may replace him. Ault has reason to be optimistic. In the last three seasons, his team has gone 32-8 (20-2 at home).

UTAH STATE

The Aggies finished only 5-6 overall but were 4-2 in the Big West and missed the conference title by just a whisper. And with 37 lettermen, including 15 starters back, they could well make another little run and perhaps earn their first bowl bid since 1961. "If we stay healthy," coach Charlie Weatherbie said, "we have an opportunity to win this conference and a lot of nonconference games, too."

Quarterback Anthony Calvillo had a terrific first season in Logan, guiding the Jim Zorn-designed offense with 2,494 yards passing and 16 TDs. Leading receiver Greg Watts has departed, but most of Calvillo's primary targets return, including Tony Jenkins, Mike Lee and Aubrey Thompson, whose 36 catches were the most by a Big West tight

end. Sleek sophomore Abu Wilson (795 yards rushing) and Tai Gordon are good running backs and the offensive line looks solid again with all-league center Warren Bowers back after missing the '92 season with an injury. Veterans Jed DeVries, Jaceon Maughan, Rich Tylsk, and Ernie Howren all return in Weatherbie's offensive front, too. The kicking game, where punter Doug Beach and place-kicker Sean Jones are gone, is a concern. Redshirt Nate Morreale may get the call to fill both jobs.

Weatherbie also is a little worried about his defensive front, with tackle David Bails the only returnee. "We know we've got to mount a better pass rush," Weatherbie said. With the departure of a 1-league tackle Joe Jacobs, along with Stephen Robinson and Mark Johnson, he'll have to get help from lettermen Shawn Griswold, Daniel Taplin, and Scott Moala. But Big West Defensive Player of the Year Jermaine Younger, a 245 pound senior inside linebacker who is a Butkus Award candidate, is back as are linebacker Gary Brown and defensive backs Donald Toomer, Efrem Haymore, Michael Coe, and Damon Smith, all returning starters.

**SAN JOSE STATE**

John Ralston's first Spartan team should have lots of offense if an almost-all-new line gels quickly but only three starters are back from a defense that helped produce a 7-4 record (4-2 and a second-place tie in the Big West) for Ron Turner who's now a Chicago Bears assistant coach. Ralston always had a way of making things happen in a hurry when he was at Stanford, however, and he has considerable talent to work with.

This offense has plenty of point potential with the likes of all-Big West quarterback Jeff Garcia (2,418 yards passing, 223 yards rushing) and running back Nathan DuPree (1,239 yards rushing, including a national-high 844 in the last five weeks of the season), plus wide receivers Brian Lundy (38 catches for 679 yards), Jason Lucky, and Jerry Reese and first-rate place-kicker Joe Nedney. John Cott, a tackle who transferred from Cal State Fullerton, will help a revamped line that may also include returnee Chris Hill, Safo Tautua'a,

Wally Bonnett, and Keith Moffatt, along with tight end Rich Saratte, who had 32 receptions. The Spartans also have a valuable weapon in punter Lee Myhre, who was 15th nationally with a 42.9-yard average.

Ralston's 4-3 defensive front may feature newcomers Marty Lyon, Kevin O'Connell, Sean Neel, and Chad Carpenter. The linebacking crew has more experience and more numbers with second-team all-Big West Jim Singleton the key man in the middle. Derrick Childs and Kareeb Harbin, trying to rebound from subpar seasons, may be outside, but Dan Godfrey, another transfer from Cal State Fullerton, is likely to start at outside linebacker or strong safety. Two-year starter Dee Grayer and Elliott Franklin are ahead at the corners with Troy Jensen (team-high 76 tackles) and Marcus Galbreath or Chris Wilcox at safety, where Anthony Washington is a huge loss.

NEVADA LAS VEGAS

When Jim Strong took over the Rebels four seasons ago, he had just 29 players in spring practice. Now he has 55 returning lettermen, eight redshirts, and three juco transfers and high hopes of improving a 6-5 overall record and a 3-3 finish in the Big West. "We have a solid nucleus coming back from our first winning team since 1986," Strong said. "We will be a much improved ball club."

Offensively nine starters are back from a unit that averaged 352.4 yards per game. The strongest position is wide receiver, led by all-Big West Henry Bailey, who set a school record with 1,883 all-purpose yards, and Desmond Thompkins (52 receptions for 919 yards). Seniors Bob Stockham and John Mae will compete at quarterback, with all-conference Shannon McLean who has been slowed by injuries, and Omar Love at running back and Tommy Lewis and Elroy Reese at tight end. All-conference Lonnie Palelei and

JERMAINE YOUNGER
Utah State



John Hurley are gone from a depleted line but starters Howard McGowan, Jerry Reynolds, and Doug Roper return.

Defensive improvement is needed, since the Rebels gave up nearly 435 yards a game last season. Honors candidates Eric Simen and Keith Washington will be at the ends with seniors Tiger Townes and Stephen Anderson in the interior front. They'll be aided by three heavily recruited tackles DeShannon Campbell, Rick Mauas, and Corey Sears. The linebacking corps, devastated by injuries last year, will be anchored by senior Rumone Hill with Jason Medlock and Marvin Robinson.

on the flanks. The secondary should include Rodney Mazion, D'Mentrie Lacy, who had shoulder surgery in early 1993, Jason Davis, and Clarence Mack, but Auntwan Armstrong and Jerma ne Webster also will bid for starting spots. Junior Nick Garritano should be one of the Big West's best place-kickers, but all-conference punter Brian Parvin is gone.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Coach Charlie Sadler says that LeShon "Cowboy" Johnson "is the best running back in America east of San Diego." Johnson has the statistics to prove it. He rushed for 1,338 yards in 1992, 70 percent of his team's total. The 201-pound senior tailback, who runs over defenders rather than around them, will be the Huskies' main man again as they try to improve upon a 5-6 record. "You take away four or five plays and we could have been 8-3," Sadler said.

He thinks his team can contend for the title in its first season in the Big West. The Huskies return nine starters on offense and seven on defense. Quarterback Scott Crabtree and fullback Brian Cotton should work in the backfield with Johnson, and there is talent at wide receiver in junior Vounce Patterson and sophomore Otha Brooks, who runs a 4.38 40. Tackle Brad Capes is gone from the offensive line, but top tight end Raymond Roberts and guards Tim O'Brien and Joe Patterson return. So does place-kicker Brian Steger.

The defense, 26th in the nation against scoring in '92 with just a 17.6-point average, will feature senior linebackers Tony Smith (18th nationally with 142 tackles) and Steve Wild and junior Gerald Nickelberry along with junior cornerback MacArthur Griffin. The major defensive questions are in the line, where nose guard Rob Wagner, the anchor, has graduated. The ends should be seniors Paul McAndrews and Matt LeVoir, a seven-game regular who missed spring practice because of a fractured ankle. The nose guard may be redshirt freshman Joe Moscato, who is coming off shoulder surgery, but newcomers Duane Arrindell, Troy Seabrook, Hollis Thomas, and Greg Bryant could figure in the mix. Juco transfer Tony Eggleston should help the linebacking corps. The Huskies will use three punters, including the nation's tallest, 6-6 Qu'n Corbett.

NEW MEXICO STATE

After years of humiliating results, the Aggies had a surprising 6-5 season in 1992, and coach Jim Hess claimed, "We're now in a position to start building a program. I don't necessarily think we'll go straight up. We'll have some ups and downs."

Hess thinks he finally has some depth, not to mention needed speed to augment a squad that was 3-3 in the Big West and, amazingly, not far from a league championship. Offensively the Aggies must replace quarterback Charlie Puler (2,788 yards passing), prolific tight end Todd Cutler, and wide receiver/kick returner Fred Montgomery. Redshirt Cody Ledbetter looks like a capable quarterback, however, and he'll be working with No. 2 rusher Troy Dublin and two transfers: wide receiver Polee Banks of Cal State Fullerton and tight end Sean Manuel. Leading rusher Lawrence Truehill is academically ineligible. Three starters—center Gerald Slovacek, tackle Ishan Rison, and guard Heath Haedge—return in

the offensive line and punter Chad Zecha and place-kicker Bubba Culin are back, too.

All three down linemen, first team all-Big West Sam Austrino, George Tuoti, and Norman Steele, have departed, but seven defensive starters, including the top four tacklers, will be in place. The leaders will be inside linebackers Tim Mauck (team-high 113 tackles) and Mike Wall (83 tackles) with Bryan Duplessis and transfer Samuel Manuel (Sean's twin brother) the favorites at outside linebacker. Offensive guard Troy Sienkiewicz has been moved to defensive tackle, and he should be joined up front by top reserve Steve Gilbert and nose tackle Tim Melendez. All four starters return in the Aggie secondary—cornerbacks David Barela and Cedric Walton and safeties Marc Shaw and Donald Stowers—but the unit has to improve on the 21 touch-down passes it gave up.

PACIFIC

Subtract four skilled players—running back Ryan Benjamin, quarterback Troy Kopp, wide receiver Aaron Turner, and offensive tackle Greg Bishop—from a team that could do no better than 3-8, and Pacific wouldn't seem to



ABU WILSON
NEW MEXICO STATE

have much reason for optimism. But coach Chuck Shelton thinks the Tigers might make up for the loss of that quartet with more strength, speed, and depth and improve.

Shelton will scrap the run-and-shoot offense in favor of a San Francisco 49er-style passing game, with senior left-hander Dave Henigan as his quarterback. Despite the loss of Benjamin, the two-time NCAA all-purpose running

leader, there appears to be depth at running back, with returnees Jessie Campbell and Steve Mehl and J.C. transfers Howard Blackwell and Stanley Green. Veteran receivers Trent Julian, Jay Mayo, and Ron Smith will be joined by transfer Kerry Brown. The line was a problem in 1992, and could well be again despite the presence of 6-6, 310-pound Eric Alvarez at tackle. He'll be joined by guards Dan Weldon and Matt Nichols, center Aaron McClellan, and maybe high school star Jesse Atkinson at tackle.

Defensively, the Tigers lowered their points against average from 40.1 in 1991 to 26.1 and are looking to do even better. The team's best player is outside linebacker Grant Carter, an All-America candidate, and the secondary should be strong with returning starters Darius Cunningham, Duane Thomas, and Kevin Mulens at the corners and Jeff Russell and Dmitri Gzelas as the safeties. But the inside linebacking looks thin and two of three starters will be gone from the line, where only nose tackle Dave Karthaus returns from a unit that was one of the Tigers' weakest in '92. Punter Jason Schouten returns, but place-kicker Eddie Asherman has departed. His likely replacement is sophomore Doug McDaniel, but Russell might get a look.

LOUISIANA TECH

Most coaches heading into a season with only one returning starter on offense and just three on defense would be a little nervous. But Bulldogs' coach Joe Raymond Peace said, "We are actually very excited about it. I admit the numbers look scary at first, but I think this season will help tell something about what we've been doing with our program over the last several years."



The offensive building block from a team that finished 5-6 and lost to Alabama only 13-0 is junior running back Jason Cooper (1,563 yards rushing in two seasons). The biggest offensive loss is wide receiver Corey Parham, who had 65 catches but Peace has high hopes for senior quarterback Aaron Ferguson, junior guard Greg Lancaster, and No. 2 receiver Brian Francis. Place-kicker Chris Boniol (11 of 18 field goals) has a chance to overtake Tech's all-time leading scorer, Cleveland Browns' kicker Matt Stover, and Boniol may be asked to punt, too.

Defensively the returning starters are junior linebacker Fred Price (74 tackles), senior tackle Kevin Crawford (62 tackles) and senior

cornerback Chris Gray. Several other defenders have considerable experience, including linebackers Key Battle and Carlos Bolton, end Derrick Moore, tackle Thedrick Harris, and cornerback Rodney Bruce.

The major concern for Peace, who is a respectable 30-21-4 in five seasons in Ruston, is his team's inability to score. "We had only three touchdown passes in 1992," he said. "and that won't get it." Peace made three changes in his coaching staff in the offseason, including the installation of Dan Werner as offensive coordinator, and the Bulldogs probably will expand on their one-back offense.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Coming off a 2-9 season, Ragin' Cajun coach Nelson Stokley is making changes all over the place: a new attacking defensive scheme, a new defensive coordinator, more emphasis on a drop-back passing offense, and several new faces. Stokley has even shed his dual role as athletic director and head coach to concentrate on football. "We're going to be a better team," he said.

The Cajuns return seven starters on each side of the ball, but Stokley has to settle on a quarterback. Junior Reggie Hayes was a better fit in the old option attack, so redshirt Danny DiPace and transfer Jason Sanborn could both get long looks. The offense also has back/line ends Ryan McGarth (22 receptions) and Buck Moncla, wideout Tori Williams, budding star Sam Heinen at tackle, and consistent senior center Robby Waggespack. The leading returning rusher, Steve Mocak, missed spring drills with a neck injury. Other than the quarterback slot, Stokley's chief concern is what to do about his special teams. He has no returnees who attempted a punt, field goal or extra point last season. But he likes the looks of several offensive newcomers, including four transfers: wide receiver Marcus Carter, who has star potential, and Jeff Dupre from Louisiana State, offensive tackle Keno Hills from Kent State, and running back Marcus Prier from Texas Christian.

Vic Eumont's defense ve unit looks more solid heading into the season, even with the change in style. The big-play man is junior safety Orlando Thomas, who had 64 tackles. Also highly regarded are three seniors: linebacker Charles Pool, nose guard Conrad Lewis, and tackle John Robinson. Pool led the team in tackles last season with 95.

ARKANSAS STATE

John Bobo, who's in his first head-coaching job at any level, is a realist coming off the Indians' first season in the I-A ranks, which produced just a 2-9 record. "We go into the league understanding that we are on an uphill climb," said Bobo, who was the team's offensive line coach in 1992. "We are pretty slim in numbers where games are won and lost—in the trenches. We lost the bulk of our offensive line and half of our defensive front, so enough said about where our priorities lie."

The squad's primary offensive weapons are quarterbacks Tom Sears and Johnny Covington, who shared starting time; wide receivers Kendrick Bullard and Blake Denison, who have 67 and 55 career receptions, respectively; and running backs Jerrold Seymour and Stacy Crockett. Seymour is the top returning rusher, with 395 yards. The offensive line will be led by junior guard Stacy Harrell.

No. 2 tackler Carlos Emmons, a sophomore who played at both linebacker and end, is the fulcrum of a defense that also returns linemen Lucas Perkins and Mike McDonald, cornerback Curtis Fitch, and free safety Clark Watkins. Sophomore Joey Staples hopes to inject life into a subpar kicking game, and sophomore Kyle Richardson is back as the punter.

The Indians had 13 first-year players last season, including eight true freshmen, and it showed in the results. But Bobo has learned under coaches like Ray Perkins and Howard Schnellenberger, and is hoping the momentum from a season-ending victory over Southwestern Louisiana will carry over into 1993. More likely, however, this is a team that will have to take its lumps in a tough new conference until it can build the needed numbers.

western football conference

predictions

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1. Cal State Sacramento, 2. Southern Utah
3. UC Davis, 4. Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo,
5. Cal State Northridge

The Western Football Conference steps up to Division I-AA this fall after 10 years of competition in Division II. The five-team league includes existing members Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento, Southern Utah, and UC Davis, which will maintain its Division II status.

CAL STATE SACRAMENTO

After eight years as the defensive coordinator, Mike Clemons takes over as head coach of the Hornets, who won seven of 10 games (2-2 in the conference). He'll be greeted by 11 returning starters, including five from the defense that was No. 7 in the nation against the run and tops in the Western Football Conference. Free safety Rod McMasters, the league's Player of the Year, is gone, but all-WFC cornerbacks Kris Palmer and Andre Butler and lineman Cory Baugh are back.

Aaron Garcia, who threw six touchdown passes in a part-time role in '92, is the quarterback. He'll work behind a line that improved late in the season and with a standout receiving corps: Eric Harrington, Clint Primm, Pedro Lewis, and Greg Ochoa. They combined for 120 catches and 16 TDs last fall.

Coach Jack Bishop is putting the Thunderbirds' fortunes on the line this season. The offensive line, that is, which returns intact: Paul Bittmann (all-WFC), Kevin Boyer, Jeff Fisher, Nat Adams, and Roy Mathews. Zed Robinson, the school's all-time leading rusher, is gone, as are the top receivers from the team that went 6-5 (2-2 in league), but Daniel Harris and Eric Campbell are back and will be joined in the backfield by redshirt fullback Wilson Kavauka. Soph quarterback Rick Robins will be challenged by Craig VanWoerkom, who returns after two years of missionary work. Jared Hunsaker, the leading tackler, rejoins James Bleak at linebacker. Nose guard Chris Kruger is the only holdover starter in the line, but cornerbacks John Banks and Randy Roskelly return with strong safety Joe Straw.

UC DAVIS

The Aggies closed out their final football season in Division II with an 8-2-1 mark (including a loss to Portland State in the playoffs), for their 23rd straight winning record and 21st NCAC title in 22 years. Interim head coach Bob Biggs has to rebuild his defense, but he does welcome back leading tackler Jason Hairston and Marc Miner at linebacker and Keith Dunn on the line. There is talent on the offensive side. Preston Jackson, the NCAC Player of the Year, was No. 9 in the nation in rushing, setting school records for yardage (1,435), touchdowns (15), and points (92). Quarterback Khari Jones completed 55 percent of his passes for 2,454 yards and 20 TDs. Mike Ichiyama is the leading returning receiver (37-464) and a dangerous kick returner.

CAL POLY-SAN LUIS OBISPO

The Mustangs lost two games by one point last fall and finished 4-5-1 (1-3 in the WFC). Coach Lyle Setencich hopes the return of seven starters plus the addition of seven transfers from Santa Clara can make the difference in those close games this time. The linebacking is a strong suit: Jay Wells, if healthy, lines up alongside Matt Boeddeker and Serge Kaska with Eric Coley and redshirt Dennis O'Malley. Tylyn Cook rejoins Robert Smith at cornerback with Steve Rudisil and Facio Benavidez at the safeties and all-WFC Martin Cano on the line. The offense has all-conference performers in leading rusher Brian Fitz (787 yards and 10 TDs) and linemen Jason Vornbaum and Lloyd Tiffany. Pancho Renteria is the quarterback. His leading targets are tight end Jeff Radcliffe, who may be moved to wide receiver, and Cal Fullerton transfer Andrew Hill.

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

The Matadors were one of three teams to go 2-2 in the WFC (5-5 overall) a year ago, and coach Bob Burt is looking at seven returning defensive starters to put his team over .500 this fall. Outside linebacker Ivy Calvin and linemen Victor Myres, second-team all-league performers in '92, will be rejoined by linebackers Jose Aguilar and Joseph Ojomoh on the inside and Angel Chavez on the outside and by cornerbacks Vincent Johnson and Ralph Henderson. Quarterback Marty Fisher has departed but the top two receivers, Duc Ngo (31 catches for 400 yards) and Saadita Green (23-408), are back, as are tailback Robert Trice and offensive linemen Charlie Williams, Brian Hay, and Greg Sorensen.

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SAINT MARY'S

The big weapon for coach Mike Rasmussen's Gaels as they move from Division II to I-AA is All-America place-kicker Mike Estrella, who led the nation with an average of 1.67 field goals per game last fall and is within 23 points of becoming the school's all-time leading scorer. Quarterback Cree Morris should give Estrella and the Gaels plenty of scoring opportunities. He threw for 1,535 yards and 11 touchdowns in '92. Wideout Abdul Lewis was on the receiving end of 30 passes. Players to watch on the other side of the ball are linebackers Scott Evans and Peter Baichtal and defensive back Lavelle Townsend.

big east conference

The Hurricanes saw their humiliating Sugar Bowl defeat to Alabama in painfully vivid detail every time they suited up for spring practice. A reminder of that 34-13 loss, a stunning upset that cost the 'Canes a national title, was hung on a bulletin board in the locker room. The coaches pinned a magazine advertisement selling plaques that commemorate "Crimson Tide Domination," a tribute to Alabama's bowl victory. It hung there until senior defensive end Darren Krein tore it away and taped it to the back of his locker. "It reminds me every day," Krein said. "When people talk about how we had a great season, the first thing I say is that it didn't mean anything to me because we didn't win the national championship. If it's not on your mind every day that you want to win the national championship, you're going to get beat sooner or later."

So the 'Canes prepare for a new season with lots of new faces but the same old lofty ambition. "Our goal is to win the national championship and win the Big East," said coach Dennis Erickson. "But I'm not so sure our ultimate goal isn't to get an opportunity to play Alabama again, to go back to the Sugar Bowl and play them."

The Tide snapped Miami's 29-game winning streak and prevented the 'Canes from winning an unprecedented five national titles over 10 seasons. Erickson replayed the film of the Alabama loss over and over and he used spring to make changes. He expanded his one-back passing attack, adding a blocking

**SHELBY HILL
SPORTS**

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1. Miami, 2. Syracuse, 3. Boston College,
4. West Virginia, 5. Rutgers, 6. Virginia Tech,
7. Pittsburgh, 8. Temple

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fullback and more two-back formations. Sophomores Danyell Ferguson and James Stewart are poised to take over at tailback. Junior Donnell Bennett, the leading rusher a year ago with 421 yards, and junior Larry Jones, the 1992 Orange Bowl MVP, are proven backs. Still sophomore fullback Derrick Harris was the surprising star of the spring. All this depth at running back won't mean much if junior quarterback Frank Costa doesn't develop quickly. The 'Canes play at Boston College, at Colorado, at Florida State, and then host Syracuse in the first half of their schedule. If Miami wins all six of its games in the Orange Bowl, it will increase its home winning streak to 57, tying the NCAA mark set by Alabama.

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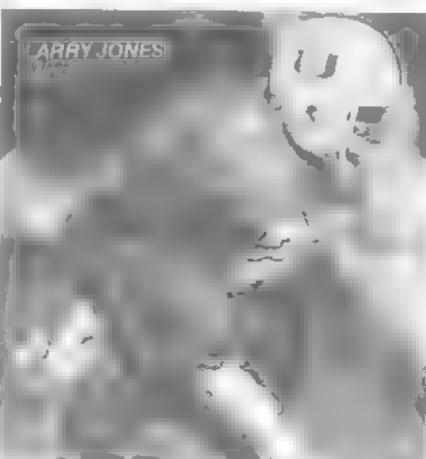
Only two starters (Bennett and junior center Tirrell Greene) return to the offense. Costa, who replaces Heisman Trophy winner Gino Torretta, looks so much like former Miami Heisman winner Vinny Testaverde he was nicknamed Costaverde.

The defense lost star linebackers Micheal Barrow, Darrin Smith and Jessie Armstead but sophomore Rohan Marley broke in with a bang. He is one of five returning defensive starters. A trio of ends lead the way All-America candidate Darren Krein, senior classmate Kevin Patrick, and former Outland Trophy candidate Rusty Medearis, whose season ended with a major knee injury after three games last year. Medearis is expected to be ready early in the season. Senior All-America candidate Terris Harns is in the secondary with Dexter Seigler and Paul White.



SYRACUSE

This could be the year the Orange capture the Big East championship. They also could contend for the national title, last won by Syracuse in 1959. The 1992 team posted a second consecutive 10-2 record, including a 26-22 victory over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl, and wound up ranked sixth and seventh in the two major polls. It also won a sixth Lambert/Mea-



dowlands Trophy, symbolic of football supremacy in the East. Paul Pasqualoni was an assistant coach for four seasons before being promoted to the head job in 1991. And Syracuse hasn't missed a beat in its surging success with him at the helm. During his six years there, the Orange compiled the nation's sixth-

best record (56-14-3) and made six straight bowl appearances (five victories, one tie). With a dozen starters back, Pasqualoni has the makings of another powerful team.

Heisman Trophy candidate Marvin Graves, one of the nation's finest quarterbacks, is a fourth-year starter. Fullback Al Wooten (312 yards) and wide receiver Shelby Hill (29-480) also return. But such standouts as Qadry Ismail, Chris Gedney, David Walker, and Terrence Wisdom are gone from the nation's most balanced attack (2,426 yards rushing, 2,343 yards passing). Graves, who has passed for 5,919 yards and 33 touchdowns and added 11 touchdowns rushing, already owns most of the school career passing and total offense records. Terry Richardson (336 yards) replaces Walker at tailback. Center John Reagan and tackle Kyle Adams are the only holdover starters in the line. Eric Chenoweth likely will be at tight end with Melvin Tuten the other tackle and Dave Wohlbach and Cy Ellsworth the guards.

All-Big East nose guard Kevin Mitchell anchors Syracuse's traditionally tough defense. He ranked third in tackles with 61 as opponents were held to 16.6 points and 336 yards per game. Tackle Ernie Brown and inside linebacker Dan Conley, the second-leading tackler, also return. Dave Rebar will be one outside linebacker, with Chris Marques, Dana Cottrell, or Greg Shaw the other. Chip Todd is back with Conley at de. Cornerback Dwayne Joseph heads a veteran secondary which logged a school-record 24 interceptions in 1992. Safeties Bob Grosvenor and Tony



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Jones, who picked off six and five passes, respectively, also are back.

All-star hopeful Pat O'Neill will handle all of the booting chores. He averaged 42.3 yards per punt last year and most of his kickoffs sailed out of the end zone.

BOSTON COLLEGE

The Eagles were one of the nation's most improved teams last season. They went from 4-7 in 1991 to 8-2-1, earned national ranking, and



lost to Tennessee in the Hall of Fame Bowl. If third-year head coach Tom Coughlin can develop a strong defense to complement a high-powered offense, the Eagles should continue to soar in the Big East. Of 14 returning starters, eight are on offense.

Four-year starter Glenn Foley is one of the country's leading quarterbacks. With 6,642 career passing yards, he ranks second only to Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie in the BC record book. Foley completed 146 of 265 passes for 2,231 yards and 15 touchdowns last year as the team averaged 438.4 yards and 28 points per game. Junior tight end Pete Mitchell, the top receiver (40-555), returns along with four veteran wideouts: Clarence Cannon, Ivan Boyd, Keith Miller, and Greg Grace. All-Big East tailback Chuckie Dukes, who rushed for a school-record 1,387 yards and 10 touchdowns, has departed. But fullbacks Dwight Shirley (604) and Darneil Campbell (384) are back. Soph Justice Smith is heir apparent at tailback, where Chris Campbell and David Green also vie. All-star candidate Tom Naen at center and Pete Kendall and Greg Landry, both sophomores, remain starters up front. But Kendall has been moved to tackle, leaving Landry at guard. Juniors Ben Velishka, sophomore Josh Porter and redshirt freshmen Mark Nori and Dan Oriskovich are battling for the other two jobs.

Ted Page, a starter in 1991 before knee surgery, returns at tackle on defense. Other contenders on the makeshift line include sophomore tackle Chris Sullivan, tackle Nelson Long, and sophomore nose guard Tim Morabito. Dan Kerr

heads an outside linebacking corps which includes sophomore Mike Mamula, junior David Jones, and redshirt freshman Matt Haff. Junior Stephen Boyd, whose 133 tackles ranked second only to graduated all-star Tom McManus's 154, is the top inside linebacker. Brian Howlett will succeed McManus if he recovers from back surgery. Mike Panos and

KEVIN MITCHELL
Syracuse



Junior Ed Sanabria will provide help. Nine returnees are available in the secondary. Junior Michael Reed and sophomore Tony Ransome will share duty at one corner, while Eric Shorter and junior Joe Kamara at the other. Sophomore Terence Wiggins and junior Clint Kuboyama are the starting safeties.

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Recruit Chris Hackett could push punter Jeff Beckley, though the latter's 42.2-yard average was the Eagles' best since 1977. David Gordon or newcomer Brett Bleeker will handle the place-kicking.

WEST VIRGINIA

This is a critical year for the Mountaineers. After struggling to an overall 15-16-2 record the past three years, they must win consistently and impressively in Don Nehlen's 14th season as head coach. Restless fans are clamoring for national ranking and a bowl bid. Nehlen thought last year's team was somewhat stronger than its 5-4-2 record indicated. But he felt that bad luck, bad calls, and bad timing



were contributing factors to the most frustrating season of his career. Fifteen starters are returning, plus all-Big East punter Todd Sauerbrun, who also will do the place-kicking. At least six others have made one or more starts. To achieve more flexibility, the Mountaineers have added the shotgun and one-back set to their offense and some new wrinkles to their 4-3 defense.

Jake Kelchner beat out Darren Studdiford in the spring for the starting job at quarterback. Splitting time in 1992, the two combined for 1,966 yards and 15 touchdowns passing and a net 174 yards and three scores rushing. Mike Baker, out nine games with a fractured foot, rejoins Ed Hill (43-540) at wide receiver with senior Jay Kearney and sophomores Rahsaan Vanterpool and Daymeian Galloway. Nate Rine moves up at tight end. All-Big East tailback Adrian Murrell, whose 1,145-yard rushing total was second-best in Mountaineer history, has graduated. But Nehlen is high on successor Jon Jones (429 yards) as well as speedy sophomores Robert Walker and Jimmy Gary. Junior Rodney Woodard (318 yards) remains the fullback. Tackles Rich Braham and guard Dale Williams are key returnees up front. Calvin Edwards and Jim LeBlanc, both of whom missed spring drills while recuperating from operations, will pair with them in the fall. Dan Harless takes over from the departed All-America Mike Compton at center. Other leading linemen include Tom Robcock, Chris Klock, Pete Tirado, and Frank Gondorich.

All-Big East strong safety Mike Collins, linebacker Tim Brown, and tackle Barry Hawks are standouts on defense. Steve Perkins and Derrick Wiley have become fine pass rushers. Sophomore Buddy Hager moved ahead of

Scott Gaskins at the other tackle. Backups will include Mike Booth, Joe Pabian, Tarr Alexander, and Keith Morris. A deep linebacking corps features Brown, Matt Taffoni, Wes Richardson and James "Puppy" Wright. Remaining with Collins in the improved secondary are free safety David Mayfield and cornerback Tommy Orr. Aaron Beasley likely will start at the other corner.

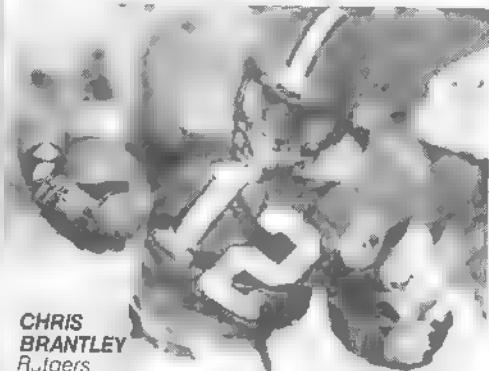


The Scarlet Knights have made great strides under fourth-year coach Doug Gruber. They have achieved back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1979-80. Gruber wasn't totally pleased with last year's 7-4 record, including 4-2 in the Big East, because he thought it would be better. Even so, he felt the Knights deserved a bowl bid. He anticipates even more success this fall, however, with 14 starters returning.

Quarterbacks Bryan Fortay and Ray Lucas return to an offense which set several school records, including an all-time high of 407.2 yards per game. Fortay completed 115 of 230 passes for 1,608 yards and a record 16 touchdowns, while Lucas was 61 of 105 for 836 yards and four scores. Jim Guarantano, Rutgers' top receiver with 157 career catches, has graduated. But seven wideouts and tight ends who combined for 86 receptions last year are back. The leader is Chris Brantley, who caught 40 passes for 559 yards and six touchdowns. Sophomore Marco Battaglia is pressuring starter Chris Stoll at tight end. Bruce Pres-

ley, the Big East and ECAC Rookie of the Year, set several standards for a Rutgers freshman. The scatback rushed for 817 yards, caught 14 passes for 263 yards, and returned 23 kickoffs for 452 yards. His 1,532 all-purpose yards ranked him second in the Big East and 17th nationally. Flashy freshman Terrell Willis will back up Presley. Fullback Bill Bailey is a fine blocker. The line must be rebuilt around starting tackles Ken Damman and Scott Vaughn. Mike Spitzer has been moved from defense to offensive guard. Scott Patkochis has played both guard and center.

Seven returning regulars provide a solid foundation on defense. Ends Andrew Beckett and Keef Bryant are third-year starters, with sophomore Ibrahim Washington an experienced nose guard. Bob Sneathen, Anthony Cauthen, and Shane Spells are veteran outside linebackers. Help is needed for insides linebacker Jamil Jackson, who has 158 career tackles. Top tackler Malik Jackson and Jay Bellamy are all-stars in the secondary, where both are four-year regulars. Keith Price, Tim Geckeler,



and Shaun Smith also started several games.

The kicking phase should be strong. Place-kicker John Benestad has booted 23 field goals and scored 139 points. Punter David Lipetz averaged 39.9 yards on 39 attempts.

VIRGINIA TECH

After back-to-back losing seasons, Frank Beamer has made some changes to help reverse the trend. He shook up his coaching staff, hiring four new assistants, and jettisoned the wide-tackle-six defense in favor of a conventional 4-3 alignment. The Hokies must do a better job of containing opponents, having allowed 405 yards and 25.6 points per game in 1992. Yet their 2-8-1 record was deceiving. They held fourth-quarter leads in seven games, but lost five by a combined total of just

12 points. "There is no question that we have some quality players," said Beamer, in his seventh year. "I am optimistic that we can be improved in every phase of the game." Tech plays all of the other seven Big East football schools for the first time.

Offensively, the Hokies should be even more potent than last year (380 yards, 24.5 points per game). Maurice DeShazo returns at quarterback, where he passed for 1,504 yards and 12 touchdowns and added a net 206 yards rushing. Split end Antonio Freeman (32-703) set a school record as a sophomore for average yards per reception (22.0). Flanker Steve Sanders (14-189) also returns along with tight end John Burke. But Tech's top

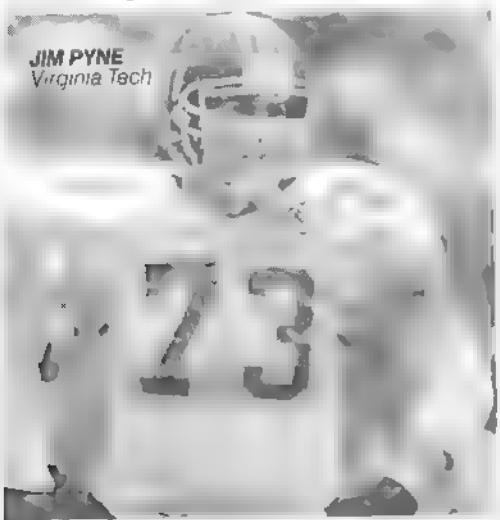
years ago. The Panthers are coming off a 3-9 record, their worst since 1-10 in 1972. But Majors has cautioned the faithful not to expect miracles. He can't go out and bring in 75 recruits as he could—and did—back then. "We need help at every position," Majors said.

Quarterback Alex Van Pelt, third on the NCAA's all-time career passing and total offense yardage lists, has graduated. He owns virtually every school record at the position including 11,000 yards passing. Replacing Van Pelt will be sophomores John Ryan or Ken Ferguson. Ryan has a slight edge on experience. Among five starters returning on offense is the dazzling Dietrich Jells, a record-setting wide receiver. He caught 55 passes for 1,091 yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore. Bill Davis (34-503) is also back. Tim Colicchio and Curtis Martin, who combined for nearly 1,500 yards rushing, return at tailback. Vince Williams and Leron Brooks are experienced fullbacks. Tackle Reuben Brown and guard Lawson Mollica are the only holdover starters in the young line, but both missed spring drills. Brown was under indefinite suspension, while Mollica rehabilitated a knee. Matt Bloom and Rick Cardinali are the only other veterans at those positions, with junior college transfer Jason Stevens pushing Frank Huck at center. Sophomores Raymond Belvin and Chad Skrocki and redshirt freshman Luther Wormack are vying for tight end.

Seven starters return on defense. But Majors has switched from a 3-4 to a 4-3 alignment and juggled the depth chart. Opponents

averaged a staggering 411 yards and 35.8 points per game in '92. Tackle Tom Barnet remains a stalwart up front. Ends Matt Hoslyk and Mike Halapin also are back. Linebacking should be solid with Charles Williams, Jason Chavis, Gerald Simpson, and Tom Tumulty. Anthony Dorsett, whose famous father Tony, was a Heisman Trophy winner under Majors, will pair with Jay Jones at the corners in a revised secondary. Chris Hupko, David Sumner, and Derrick Parker remain in the picture. Kevin Leon will do the punting. Freshman Steve Kalmanides may be the place-kicker.

JIM PYNE
Virginia Tech



three rushers, who combined for 1,518 yards, are gone. Dwayne Thomas, junior Ranell White, and freshman Tommy Edwards will share time at tailback, with Joe Swarm and Mike Hodges at fullback. Jim Pyne, a candidate for All-America honors and the Outland Trophy, anchors the line. He's rated by many as the nation's best center. Pyne has handled 1,879 snaps without allowing a sack. Other returning starters are tackle Mike Smith and guards Chris Malone and Jared Hamlin.

Phil Elmessian was lured from Syracuse to install the new defense. He inherits all-Big East cornerback Tyrone Drakeford, whose seven interceptions tied him for second in the country, and five other regulars. Top tackler P.J. Preston moves from outside linebacker to rover and Stacy Henley from cornerback to safety in the new alignment. Danny Dunbar, a redshirt freshman, will pair with Drakeford on the corners. Linebacking should be strong with Ken Brown, George DelRicco, and Dwayne Knight. Ends Bernard Basham and Billy Swarm must become more consistent. J.C. Price has been switched to tackle.

Place-kicker Ryan Williams, the leading scorer (64 points), and punter Robbie Colley (38 1-yard average) return.

PITTSBURGH

The situation is much the same as when Johnny Majors took up the reins in 1973. The Panthers' program had hit rock bottom and he proceeded to build a powerhouse. After piloting Pittsburgh to the national championship in 1976, Majors returned to his alma mater, Tennessee, for a highly successful 16-year coaching stint. Now he's back in Pittsburgh, facing a task strikingly similar to that of 20

New head coach Ron Dickerson knows it won't be easy to turn the Owls around. They're mired in a 10-game losing streak, show just three victories in the last two seasons, and have yet to win a Big East Conference game. Yet Dickerson, the former defensive coordinator at Clemson, believes there's "great potential" in a program which has had only two winning seasons in the last 13. Dickerson recruited 25 prospects after being named to succeed Jerry Berndt on November 24. With just 10 starters back from last year's 1-10 team, he expects all of the freshmen to come in and provide immediate help. "There will be no redshirts," he said. "The key to our strength is our freshman class."

Quarterback Chris Paliscak is one of seven returning regulars on offense. But he's being pushed by junior college transfer Phil Lang (14-326) and Wilbur Washing-

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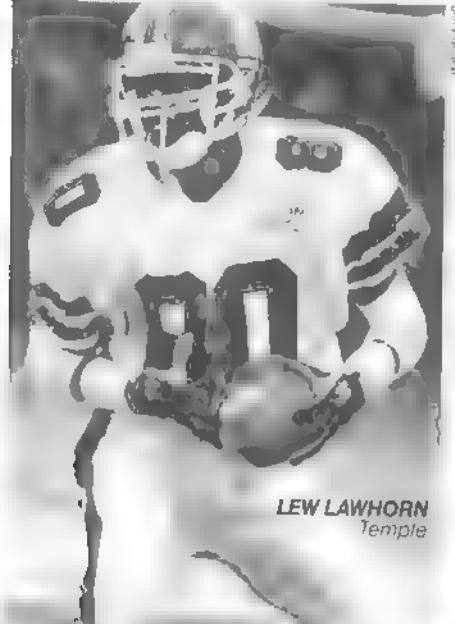
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east ton (22-285) lead a promising receiving corps. Peter Cook, Russell Caso, and Bob Mitchell are experienced tight ends. Ralphie Mack is the likely starter at tailback and Sid Morse at fullback. All-star Tré Johnson has established himself as one of the top tackles in the Big East. Dickerson is pleased with the play of tackle Glenn Tinner, guard Eric Johnson, and center John Summerday. But guard Dean Sholders (330) needs to trim down.

The Owls are looking for greater improvement on defense. Only three starters return from a unit which gave up 431.3 yards and 34.8 points per game. The veterans are end Adrian Drones, cornerback Kyle Glasper, and free safety Tony Angelo. Tackle Davin Miles



LEW LAWHORN
Temple



TIM COLUCCIO
Pittsburgh

could be a dominant force on the line along with nose guard Scott Holland, who missed spring drills with an ankle problem. Joe Wentzel and Sean Carden are other leading linemen. Lance Johnstone, probably the team's best athlete, and Drones are the ends in the new stack alignment. Leading linebackers include Andrew Brown, Jason Thompson, and Shadrack Perry. Joining Glasper and Angelo in the secondary will be Robert McWilliams and Evans Charles, although Jeff Coles and Keno Cox remain contenders.

Rookie Zane Michalski will challenge Rich Maston for the place-kicking job. John Shay or Keily Sims will do the punting.

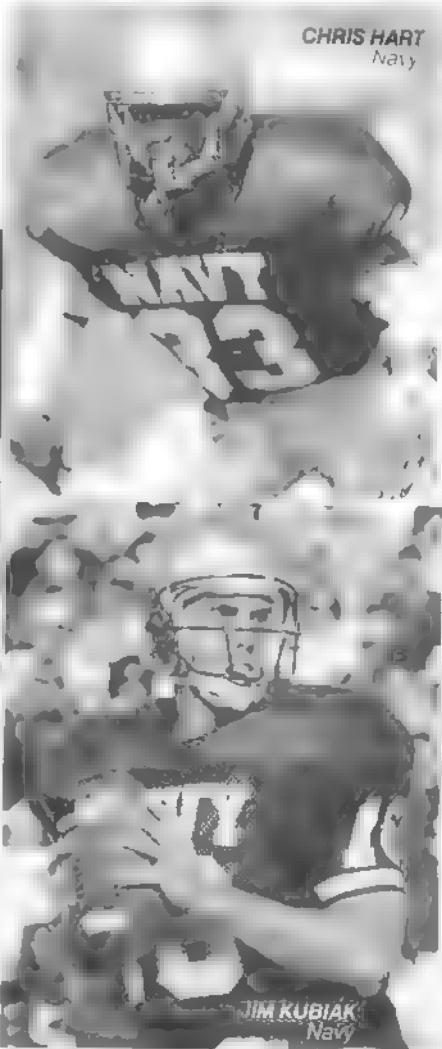
Independents

ARMY

The Cadets should get over the hump in Bob Sutton's third year as head coach. Fifteen starters return from last year's team that climaxed a 5-6 season with an exciting 25-24 come-from-behind conquest of Navy. In addition, nine others who started some games are available. The experienced players will enable Sutton to concentrate on fine-tuning.

All but two regulars return to Army's wishbone attack, which again ranked fourth nationally in rushing offense (265.1 yards per game). Fullback Steve Weber (750 yards), quarterback Rick Roper (603), and halfbacks Chad Davis (530) and Akili King (282) remain the leaders. Roper completed 55 of 97 passes for 708 yards, with returning wideout Paul Andrzejewski the top receiver (27-307). The offensive line looks strong. Center Kevin Muir, tackles Matt Conway and Mark Escobedo, and guard Troy Prehar are holdover starters with Josh Freeman moving up at the other guard. Jon Kerr takes over at tight end.

Defensively, reshaping the secondary is the toughest task, with Jason Sutton the only starting back. All-America free safety Mike McElrath (157 tackles) will be missed. His job is up for grabs, but Todd Turner and either James Chun or Jami Wolocko will fill two vacancies. Kevin Czarnecki, who logged 131 tackles, and Pat Work return as starting linebackers.



CHRIS HART
Navy

Inside and Jason Miller and Aaron Mitchell outside. Mitchell, however, now is at nose guard, behind all-star candidate Gary Graves. Tackle Jim Slomka has some starting experience, with Joel Davis filling the other tackle slot. Bob Heckathorne or Mike Plaza will replace Mitchell at outside linebacker.

Patmon Malcom, whose 49-yard field goal with 12 seconds left beat Navy, has graduated. Todd Hawkins is an experienced punter, but the place-kicking job is wide open.

NAVY

Despite back-to-back 1-10 seasons, George Chaump isn't panicking. Neither is he planning any wholesale revisions in his fourth year as skipper. He believes the Midshipmen are so close to successful sailing that they simply need to refine the basic offensive and defensive philosophies. A winning season would be the academy's first in more than a decade.

Injuries prevented stability at quarterback last year and forced Chaump to abandon balance for an option attack after two games. Strong-armed Jim Kubiak, who suffered a season-ending shoulder dislocation in the opener, returns at quarterback with Tony Soliday and Eddie Buckley. Jason Van Matre, the starting quarterback in nine games, reverts to a tailback/flanker role. He was the team's top rusher (632 yards). Billy James, Lionel Hines, and Jeff Williams are other experienced tailbacks. Cleavon Smith (468 yards) Brad Stramanak, and soph Monty Williams are competing at fullback. The top six wide receivers, led by junior Tom Pritchard (30-404), return along with starting junior tight end Kevin Hickman. Tackles Max Lane and Blair Sokol and guard Dan Pidgeon remain fixtures. Junior Tom Neville has moved from tight end to center. Other leading linemen include Zach McMechan, John Formoso, Dave Gordon, and sophons Jason Jolliff and Alex Domino.

Defensively, all four starters return to the secondary. Steve Lipsey, Chris Hart, Jonathan Wellington, and Grover Favors. All-star



RICK ROPER
Army

candidate Javier Zuluaga, who had 146 tackles last year, and junior Shane Halloran lead the linebacking. The biggest problem is finding a replacement for all-East tackle Bob Kuberski. End Dave Shaw is the only holdover starter up front. Others in the picture include end Dave Stowers and tackles Stacey Yopp and Ty Renick.

Punter Brian Schrum returns. But place-kicker Tim Rogers quit the team in the spring.

patriot league

predictions

patriot league

1 Lehigh, 2 Lafayette, 3. Holy Cross.
4 Colgate, 5. Bucknell, 6. Fordham

Losing quarterback Tom Kirchhoff and all but fifth-year senior guard Dave Pyne and tight end Craig Roubinek from the offensive line will make repeating difficult for Lafayette.

Perhaps an even more significant factor is Scott Semptimphelter of Lehigh, the only established quarterback in the Patriot League, who passed for a league-high 3,190 yards and 19 touchdowns and ranked fourth nationally in I-AA total offense. "Lehigh has the best returning quarterback, but still you've got to have other things," Lafayette coach Bill Russo said. "It's a quarterback league. It's always a good start for the title."

Like Lafayette, Lehigh returns most of its defensive unit. The Engineers retain their entire line and two of their three starting linebackers. Lehigh is a tenuous favorite but Lafayette or Holy Cross also can win it. "I think we can be good," said Lehigh coach Hank Small, an offensive marvel who has produced a string of outstanding quarterbacks. "But with Delaware and Idaho on our schedule, will the record show it?"

Holy Cross, which has five championships in the seven year history of the league, won six of its last eight games behind freshman



quarterback Andy Fitzpatrick after an 0-3 start. Lafayette has tailback Erik Marsh, the league's offensive player of the year, who rushed for 1,365 yards, and nine defensive returners returning.

The league is saving its best for last. On November 20, Lafayette will be at Lehigh while Holy Cross plays Fordham at home.

COLLEGE

The Engineers' stock could rise dramatically after coach Hank Small gets a look at senior tailback Mark Lokenbill, who sat out most of last season following knee surgery. "The question with Lokenbill is to what degree will he return... for a guy who makes a living off quick cuts," Small said. "I won't know until [preseason] camp. He's a big part of the equation." Lokenbill scored a league-leading 18 touchdowns as a junior. Small moved Lokenbill's replacement last year, Jason

Mastropierno, back to fullback in the spring and went to camp with Lokenbill and four freshmen lined up at tailback. While the running game gets sorted out, it's a cinch Lehigh will move the ball through the air with Scott Semptimphelter, the league's total offense leader. Small's club has led the league in passing offense and been ranked in the top 10 nationally for five straight years. Semptimphelter passed for a school-record 480 yards in a 32-29 season-ending loss at Lafayette—318 yards on 11 completions to wide receiver Jason Cristino. Their performances, however, were not enough to negate a 251-yard rushing effort by Lafayette's Erik Marsh, the game MVP. Semptimphelter won't have Cristino to go to, but veteran wideouts Dave Cecchini and Kevin Rubin are still around. An untested line is anchored by massive tackles Ray Powers (6-7, 275) and Marcelo Campillay (6-3, 290) and center Bill Hahner.

The defense shouldn't have to do much more than slow down the opposition. A line featuring end Brett Almasy put a premium on the weight room during the offseason. The veteran linebacking corps has Kevin Jefferson, a four-year starter and second-team all-league. Two key additions to the unit are linebacker Greg Moore, a junior college transfer from Idaho, and free safety Mike Blunt, who missed last season with a broken bone in his right wrist. Craig Melograno led the league with a 36.6-yard punting average.

But Lehigh's forte is offense. Defenses try to be on their toes but quickly find themselves on their heels.

LEHIGH

The Leopards are in a position where they must ride their horse, junior tailback Erik Marsh. What remains to be seen is if a rebuilt offensive line can open the stable doors to the pasture. Jason Carnevale has one final chance after three seasons as a junior varsity quarterback. Russo said he would prefer not to start one of his three fresh quarterbacks. The return of junior tailback John Kahn triggered the switch of the talented Jarrett Shine, the team's rookie of the year, from tailback to flanker. Sophomore Tramont Evans, another speedy back, goes from the secondary to split end. Senior fullback Chris Flood rushed for 301 yards, caught 24 passes, and helped clear the way for Marsh, who needs 793 yards to become Lafayette's all-time rusher. Another plus is place-kicker Jason McLaughlin.

A beleaguered defense that yielded nearly 26 points a game last fall now is a veteran unit that is deep at linebacker. Ironically, a linebacker to watch is the new man in the middle, sophomore Rawle Howard, and a new starting lineman, end Harnson Bailey, led the team with seven sacks. Senior end Pete Ohnegian and junior tackle Derek Mast each had six sacks and strong safety Mark Reardon, a fifth-year senior, was the No. 2 tackler.

HOLY CROSS

Peter Vaas, a former Holy Cross quarterback invested in the future during his first season as head coach at his alma mater. He went wire-to-wire with freshman Andy Fitzpatrick at quarterback and eight other first-time starters. The Crusaders paid a steep price in productivity, but Vaas understands quarterbacks. "I look for consistent growth," he said. By season's end, Fitzpatrick was playing well

enough to earn the league's Rookie of the Year award. He passed for 972 yards and ran for 399, throwing only two of his nine interceptions over the last six games—both on long passes at the end of the first half. He's Holy Cross's finest running quarterback in years. Fitzpatrick will give the ball to tailback Eric Sampson and fullback Scott Wikander. Another back to watch is A.C. Cravedi. The line is built around senior tackle Frank Visconti and junior tight end Joe Cooney.

Fans grew accustomed to watching Holy Cross's defensive unit, No. 3 in the country, smother the opposition (275 total yards per game). The Crusaders have nine new faces on defense with two first-team all-league performers, senior linebacker Rob Milanette, the league's preseason defensive player of the year, who led the team in tackles, and senior strong safety Todd Araujo, who led the league with five interceptions. Seniors Scott McCabe move from end to tackle, and Mark Kirk from inside to outside linebacker.

Senior punter Jeff Meader was first team all-league and Anthony Pignio was the second-team place-kicker.

COLLEGE

The Red Raiders seem committed to re-establishing a once-proud program. It won't happen overnight. Athletic Director Mark Murphy, the ex-Redskin, carried out the difficult choice of replacing coach Mike Foley, a former Colgate teammate, with Ed Sweeney from Division III Dickinson College. The coaching change was one of several significant offseason developments. Center Kyndle Mongeon was stabbed to death in an off-campus incident. Mike Whalen was hired off the staff at Lafayette, where he was recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach, and partly responsible for an outstanding ground attack. Fresh corner Corey Hurst and soph punter Adam Rennert, Floridians both, escaped the harsh New York winters by going home.

Tailback Bill Sparacio, first-team all-league, is the marquee offensive player. He'll run behind a rebuilt line that includes starting tackles Todd Kehley and Mike Boorman. Sparacio's backup, junior Dana Farland, rushed for 101 yards against Holy Cross's nationally ranked defense one week last fall when Sparacio was injured. Quarterback will come from among Chris Lane, Mike Rymsha, and Bill McDuffee. The Red Raiders will have a decent corps of receivers, including flanker Tom Nash, who missed the first six games last year with a broken collarbone.

The defense is learning a new system for the second time in two years, going from a 3-4 to a 4-3 and now a 4-4. Tony Barrett was a second-team all-league defensive back last year. Sweeney not only needs to build the offensive and defensive lines, but come up with a punter and place-kicker. The Red Raiders play a brutal early schedule that includes back-to-back games at Rutgers and Army to open the season, and at Navy in the sixth week before the league schedule begins.

BUCKNELL

The Bison, with massive holes in the backfield and in both lines, are headed for their third straight losing season. And it's vital that junior quarterback Travis Kopp stay in one piece. He was ranked 13th in the country in passing efficiency and punting for a 36.7-yard aver-

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age when he broke a foot at Holy Cross and missed the last four games. Kopp had off-season shoulder surgery the year before. The loss of their four top rushers leaves the Bison with junior Craig Svendsen as the likely starter at tailback. Brad Bernardini (5-7, 150), the league's champion sprinter caught eight passes for 151 yards last season. Another wideout is senior Damon Garner (19-137).

The Bison have strong linebacking that features Russ Strohecker and Dan Zappa, each of whom had more than 100 tackles. Cecil Boone is the only returning starter in the defensive line. Coach Lou Maranzana is hopeful that freshman Richie Miller is the answer to his team's kicking woes. Bucknell converted only one of five field goals and missed six of 24 extra points last year.

FORDHAM

Last in total offense, the Rams made offensive coach Kevin Naughton their fourth offensive coordinator in as many years. And coach Larry Gueck vowed, "We'll throw the ball more than we've ever thrown it." That may be in part because the Rams are hunting for experienced running backs. Junior tailback Chris Ross rushed for 416 yards starting the last six games. Junior quarterback John Pohlman started the last five games, completing 62 of 151 passes for 641 yards and five touchdowns. When Pohlman wings it, he'll at least have decent protection. The Rams not only have an experienced line but depth as well. The anchor is senior Rob Birk, a 6-5, 270-pound tackle.

The Rams also have experience in the defensive line. Aaron Dougherty, Ryan Reinert, and Aaron Torgier produced 16 sacks. But a unit that ranked fifth nationally against the run and 19th overall in I-AA will slip considerably. Mostly new faces will man the linebacker and secondary positions in a 4-3 alignment. Senior Mike Costanzo goes to outside linebacker and Maurice O'Shea into the middle. Mike Williams is the only veteran in a young secondary.

Fordham has not won more than two games in a season since upgrading its program from Division III in 1989. That string doesn't appear to be in danger.

yankee conference

predictions

yankee conference

1. Delaware, 2. Villanova, 3. William & Mary,
4. Richmond, 5. Massachusetts,
6. Northeastern, 7. Connecticut,
8. James Madison, 9. Boston University,
10. New Hampshire, 11. Maine,
12. Rhode Island

If bigger really is better, this should be a banner season for the Yankee Conference. The league has expanded to 12 teams, adding William & Mary, James Madison and Northeastern. William & Mary will be the newcomer making the biggest impact, but the old guard will have a lot to say about who wins the championship. Everyone will be chasing defending champion Delaware, where Tubby Raymond has assembled another offensive machine that could steamroll back into the I-AA national playoffs. The Blue Hens last year became the first team from the Yankee Conference

since 1984 to reach the semifinals, routing Samford in the first round to snap an 11-game postseason losing streak for the conference. Then they knocked off No. 1 seed Northeast Louisiana before being eliminated by eventual champion Marshall Villanova, which received an at-large bid to the playoffs, was ousted in the opening round by Youngstown State.

The Yankee Conference may have a different look with three new teams, but there will be a lot of familiar faces with seven first-team all-league selections and 16 second-teamers returning. There also will be two new coaches stalking the sidelines: Jack Coesgrove at Maine and Floyd Keith at Rhode Island.

VILLANOVA

Tubby Raymond has put together another point-a-minute club that can find the end zone in a hurry and in a variety of ways. Delaware returns most of the arsenal that scored 503 points a year ago as the 11-3 Fightin' Blue Hens won the Yankee Conference championship and reached the semi-finals of the national tournament. They scored 57 points against Maine, 56 against Samford, 55 against Towson State, and 40 three other times.

Two-year backup Dale Fry and redshirt freshman Leo Hamlett are the leading candidates to replace wing-T quarterback Bill Vergantino, who set 25 school records. They will have the luxury of throwing to Dan Cooper (50 catches for 797 yards and 7 TDs) and tight ends Tom Fitzpatrick and Rob Higbee. Brusling fullback Daryl Brown (1,240 yards and 10 TDs) and halfback Lanue Johnson (756, 12) are reunited in the backfield. They will run behind second-team all-YC guard Geoff Hannan and tackle Matt Wildes.

Eight starters are back on defense, led by first-team all-YC end Matt Morrill; a pair of second-team all-YC linebackers, Mike Bandish and Pat Mulhern; and cornerback Scott Acker, the lone returnee in the secondary. Place-kicker Steve Leo and punter Brian Meyers give Delaware a solid kicking game.

VILLANOVA

The Wildcats enter their 100th season of football with a lot of question marks, but Andy Talley has enough potential answers at his disposal to make this a memorable season. Still, don't look for Villanova to repeat last year's 9-3 record and appearance in the NCAA playoffs.

Talley's first order of business will be to restructure a defense that will be hard pressed to match the success it enjoyed last year when it ranked No. 1 in the country against the run (77.8 yards per game) and fourth in total defense (276.8) and scoring defense (14.7 points). Only four players are back from that unit, including junior free safety Davian Logan, who had a team-high three interceptions and is the leading returning tackler. The other veterans are tackle Mike Hoffman, linebacker Andy Cobaugh, and free safety Matt Smith.

The offense will have a major makeover, emphasizing the run more now that quarterback Tom Colombo is gone. The Wildcats are loaded at tailback with Kevin Mosley (814 yards and 10 TDs) and Eric Hunt (181-1). Vernon Smith, who rushed for 605 yards and seven TDs in 1991, returns after missing last season for family reasons. Senior Brad Parpan is the only quarterback with any experience, having completed 34 of 73 for 440 yards and

four touchdowns last fall. He will be looking in the direction of flanker Harold Hunt, whose 49 receptions for 699 yards and seven TDs led the Wildcats a year ago. The line is established with tackles Bill Lacey and Dick Ras and guard Jose Ramirez.

Bill Hoffman, whose longest field goal was 42 yards, connected on 13 of 21 to provide another scoring threat.

WILLIAM & MARY

Coach Jimmie Laycock's Indians, always one of the top offensive teams in the country, have 14 returning starters and all the ingredients necessary to reach the playoffs. They decided to skip the tournament in 1992 to participate in the Epson Ivy Bowl in the Tokyo Dome. Their 9-2 record doesn't include an exhibition 35-19 victory over Nihon University.

Quarterback Shawn Knight, a fleet senior who played baseball in the spring and ranked in the top 10 in the country in stolen bases, completed 124 of 195 for 1,890 yards and 11 touchdowns last fall and rushed for 244 yards and six TDs. Tailback Derek Fitzgerald was named the ECAC Rookie of the Year and set a



school freshman record rushing for 835 yards and 11 TDs. Wideout Corey Ludwig, a two-year starter, caught 33 passes for 506 yards and three TDs and Mike Tomlin is a long-ball threat (22-560-4). Terry Hammons, a starter in 1991, will add depth after sitting out 1992. All of the offensive linemen are fifth-year seniors, led by guard Tom Waters.

The stalwart of the defense is tackle Craig Staub, an active senior who had 71 tackles, eight sacks, and four tackles for loss a year ago. Others back are linebackers Eric Lambert and Jason Miller (97 tackles), cornerback Marc Richards, and end Melvin Griffin.

NEWMONDO

Jim Marshall knows offense. And the Spiders know how to put points on the board from anywhere on the field. Just about all of the main characters are back from last year's 7-4 team that set school records for points (338) touchdowns (46), yards (4,761), and first downs (250). The Spiders, who spent seven weeks in the top 20, earned Marshall the Yankee Conference Coach of the Year award.

Richmond's two most lethal offensive weapons are quarterback Greg Lilly, the Yankee Conference Player of the Year, and tailback Uly Scott. Lilly completed 162 of 275 for a school-record 2,704 yards and 19 touch-

downs. Scott tied a Richmond record with 78 points on 13 TDs, ran for 1,318 yards the second-best total in school history, and caught 15 passes for 84 yards. Fullback Michael Henderson (309 yards) does the dirty work. Lilly again will throw to his favorite receiver, Rod Boothes, who caught 47 passes for a school-record 1,115 yards and 10 TDs. Rodney Bowens (21-280) is a deep threat and tight end Price Williams (29-417) has no fear going over the middle. Tackle Scott Wenk anchors a reconstructed line.

The secondary will be the strength of the defense, returning free safety Maurice Glenn, cornerbacks Brian Lyle and Chris Owens, and strong safety Scott Burton, who led the team with five interceptions last season. Tackle Matt Joyce, second-team all conference, and linebacker Jeff Edmiston are standouts.

MASSACHUSETTS

Expectations are much higher than a year ago, when UMass did the unexpected by going 7-3 in coach Mike Hodges's first season. With 17 starters back, including all 11 on offense, the Minutemen will be expected to



MARIO PERRY
Massachusetts

challenge for the conference title. They are deep in experience and talent on both sides of the ball, with a ground-oriented offense featuring sophomore Rene Ingoglia (658 yards) and a swarming defense led by outstanding linebackers Mario Perry and Scott Assencio.

Ingoglia managed to be named Rookie of the Year despite missing 2½ games with a sprained ankle. Option quarterback Andrew McNeilly completed 44.7 percent of his passes for 774 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 203 yards. His favorite targets again will be split end Matt Read (18 catches for 315 yards) and tight end Steve Dembowski, who had a team-high 19 receptions for 243 yards. Fullback Mike George (475 yards) and tailback John Johnson (234) put additional punch into the attack. The line revolves around guards Bill Durkin, an all-conference performer, and second-team selection Phil Hartard.

Defensively the Minutemen are solid up front, superb at linebacker, and a bit suspect in the secondary. Perry covered a lot of ground last season to total 15 sacks, five forced fumbles, and 68 tackles. Assencio had 84 tackles. Juniors Brian Corcoran and Ben Albert solidify the line, but Tony Williams, who started at quarterback in 1991, is the lone proven veteran in the backfield.

Remember the name Clarke Pearl. You could hear a lot from the junior quarterback who will be the key to the season for the Huskies, a team desperately looking for someone to ignite coach Barry Gallup's run-and-shoot offense. Pearl is a big question mark because of a lack of experience, but there's no questioning his athletic ability. He has quick feet and a quick release. The Huskies will surround him with skilled people who can make things happen. Kevin Williams rushed for 664 yards and five touchdowns and wide receiver Jeremy Gobeil had 38 catches for 516 yards and six TDs. The line has experience with tackles Austin Saladin and John Robinson, center Joe Piltorino, and guard John Douzepis.

New defensive starters are back, spearheaded by senior strong safety Mark Salisbury. Free safety Jason Seapker had a team-high 75 tackles, followed by linebacker David Atwood. End Miles McLean had eight sacks. The Huskies should surpass last year's 5-5-1 record with an improved defense and a consistent effort from Pearl.

CONNECTICUT

Don't be surprised if the Huskies are the surprise team this season in the Yankee Conference. But quarterback Zeke Rodgers won't be sneaking up on people as he did last season, when he started the final five games and put UConn's offense into high gear. Rodgers, who led UConn to a 3-2 record, was named the league's Rookie of the Week four times and completed 58.1 percent for 1,107 yards and nine touchdowns on the year. The Huskies averaged 27.4 points with Rodgers in the lineup, compared with 19.7 prior to his insertion. Coach Tom Jackson is toying with the idea of putting his two most productive runners, Ed Long (900 yards and 8 TDs) and Wilbur Giliard (679-9). In the same backfield, they never were on the field together last season because Long missed three games with a broken finger and Giliard was sidelined for a couple of games with various ailments. The duo will work behind a huge line that averages 6-5 and 280 pounds per man. The Huskies will often veer to the right behind Pat Walsh (6-10, 293) and Alonso Montague (6-3, 284). UConn is shy on experienced receivers, with Monte Nowden the only veteran.

The defensive strength is at linebacker, where Paul Duckworth and Bruce Bourgon cover a lot of ground. Mike McCarthy leads a young line and strong safety Gary Bailey and cornerback Scott Mitchell the secondary.

Rip Scherer's program will undergo a major face-lift in 1993. The Dukes, a member of the Yankee Conference after being an independent since 1980, will have a new look on defense with the 4-3 alignment and a complete overhaul on offense without quarterback Erik Williams, the first player in NCAA Division I-AA history to pass for 5,000 yards and run for 2,500, and tailback Kenny Sims. JMU's attack will be a shell of the one that averaged 30.3 points and 411.4 yards per game a year ago.

The really bad news is on defense, where the Dukes must find a way to at least slow people down after they allowed 32.3 points and 471.9 yards per game. They won't be able to trade touchdowns as they did in victories (52-49) over Youngstown State and

Northeastern (35-34). The good news—sort of—is the return of six starters from the defense. The leading tacklers back are tackle Tyrone Washington, end Dion Foxx, and linebacker Clinton Dunn. Other returnees are end Julius Williams, tackle Lamont Gooding, and cornerback Dayd Quattlebaum.

The Dukes have a game-breaking receiver in David McLeod, whose 58 receptions were a school record, but they don't know who's going to get him the ball. The top quarterback candidates are Gary Lyons, who completed both of the passes he threw last season, and redshirt freshman Tony Jordan and Shawn Goodwin. Fullback Joe Sparksman, who sat out last season after starting in 1991 and returnee Steve Agee (314 yards) give JMU a solid short-yardage game. The line has a trio of experienced players: center Brad Morris, guard John Kraus, and tackle Kris Orendorff.

DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Dan Allen's run-and-shoot offense can keep fans on the edge of their seats with big plays, but the Terriers must find a way to stop the run if they're going to better last year's 3-8 record. Opponents ran up and down the field for 32 points per game. The Terriers, who created some anticipation for this season by winning their final two games, return 18 starters.

Quarterback Greg Moore, who completed almost 60 percent for 1,211 yards and 10 touchdowns, and running backs Zack Burwell (587 yards) and Ron Jenkins (318) have proven they can move the ball. The Terriers have a quality receiving corps. Tight end Paul Francisco is a devastating blocker who had 15 receptions and three TDs and Jason Andrade (42-561-4) and Carnell Henderson (47-595-3) are deep threats. A workmanlike line will be headed by center Andre Maksimow and guards Matt Demshar and Tim Foley.

The defense, which hopes to improve with experience, features outsides linebackers John Schaefer, who had a team-high 134 tackles a year ago, and John Hickey. Andy Brennan, who missed last season because of a neck injury after leading the Terriers in tackles in 1991, will be a welcome addition at inside linebacker. Tackle Mike Pedone is a good one up front and the secondary returns safeties Pablo Rodriguez and Marc Fauci and cornerbacks Chris Heaton and John May.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

With a few more good bounces and fewer interceptions, the Wildcats easily could have gone 9-2 instead of 5-5-1 last season. They lost three games by a total of 12 points and settled for a 10-10 tie against Northeastern.

Coach Bill Bowes, who has a 136-78-5 record in 21 seasons, will again fill the air with footballs. Strong-armed junior quarterback Jim Stayer was fourth in the conference, completing 59.1 percent for 2,220 yards and 11 touchdowns. But he must cut down on his 14 interceptions if the Wildcats are to move the ball more consistently. The pass-happy Wildcats led the conference in 1992 with 259.5 yards per game. But they lost their top two receivers, so look for David Gamble (46 catches for 737 yards and 3 TDs) to emerge as Stayer's No. 1 target. The running game is a mystery, with fullback Lee McClinton the only returnee. Tackle Keith Novak and guards Jeffrey Curina and Steve Wagoner fortify the line. The team's hidden offensive weapon is

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Avrom Smith, the league leader in kickoff returns with a 27.9-yard average.

A defense that ranked third in the conference by allowing 339.0 yards per game should be even better with eight starters back, led by second-team all-conference cornerback Bob Jordan whose seven interceptions tied for second in the league.

UM
Jack Cosgrove spent the past four seasons as UM's offensive coordinator constructing a well-balanced attack that ranked with the best in the Yankee Conference. Now he must reconstruct that offense in his first year as the head coach. He has to find a way to replace the 1,214 yards that Ben Sirmanis piled up on the ground and most of the linemen who opened the holes for him. Only three players are back from the unit that scored 23.1 points per game. More of the load will be placed on the shoulders of junior quarterback Emilio Colon, a two-year starter who completed 157 of 256 passes for 1,823 yards and 13 touchdowns and rushed for 142 yards. The top returning ground-gainer is sophomore fullback Ray Baur (266 yards). The Black Bears lost their top two receivers but retain tight end Brian Gaine (21 catches for 212 yards) and wideouts Frizell Davis (26-306), Steve Cates (21-246) and Kenny Squires (20-262).

There are six good reasons why Maine should be able to shore up a defense that was tough against the run but still surrendered nearly 25 points per game: linebacker Jema Murph (94 tackles and 4 interceptions), end Fred Harner tackles Todd Park and Jed Wehrman, cornerback Fred Guions, and free safety Greg Mikell.

tions from free safety Gregg Hoffman, cornerbacks Brian Merritt and Troy Rothman, and end Kevin Shirley.

URI's offense was erratic last season because the Rams threw 28 interceptions, 14 by quarterback Tony Squitieri, who completed 144 of 302 passes for 1,958 yards and 11 touchdowns. Fullback Kevin Quinn (562 yards and 4 TDs) and tailback Shundell Hicks (384-1) were the top ground gainers. The Rams have a familiar look up front, with tackles Chris Keneally and Tod Short, guard Dave Kolman, and center Joe Bean.

ivy league

predictions

ivy league

- 1 Dartmouth, 2 Princeton, 3 Penn,
- 4 Cornell, 5. Yale, 6. Harvard, 7 Brown,
8. Columbia

There have been some high-profile players in the Ivy League's past, individuals who took their game to a higher level, a national level, and even to the NFL. Calvin Hill at Yale and Ed Marinaro at Cornell, to name a couple. But two in one year? In the Ivy League?

"We've had this situation, with Gary Fencik [Chicago Bears] and Dick Jauron [Detroit Lions] and Calvin Hill [Dallas Cowboys] in the late '60s and Ed Marinaro [Minnesota Vikings], who was in the Heisman race in the 70s," said Carm Cozza, Yale's coach for the last 29 years. "But not for quite a while." Hill was the NFL's top draft choice in 1969, the only one the Ivy League has ever produced. Marinaro, who led the nation in rushing, finished high in the Heisman voting that year.

Now comes Jay Fiedler, a quarterback at Dartmouth, and Keith Elias, a Princeton running back, who likely will draw more NFL attention this season than any two players in the same season in the league since then. If their physical dimensions don't appear particularly imposing for NFL consideration, their statistics—no matter their level of competition—do. The 5-11, 195-pound Elias was the top rusher in Division I-AA last season with 157.5 yards per game, set a I-AA record for most yards rushing in two consecutive games (572), and tied an NCAA mark for most yards gained in three consecutive games (711). The 6-2, 215-pound Fiedler was the top-ranked quarterback in passing efficiency (169.35) in the NCAA—all divisions.

The league is entering a new era, with freshmen eligible for the first time (next year, can you handle this, spring practice), but it's an old story as to which teams figure to battle it out for the title. In the last two years, the championship was decided in the final game of the season between Dartmouth and Princeton. There is parity in one area, where seven teams have incumbents at quarterback.

THE BIG GREEN
The Big Green won the title outright by beating Princeton in the last game of the season two years ago and tied the Tigers for the crown by winning at Princeton last year. They will be going for a win or a share of the title for the fourth straight season.

Jay Fiedler, who completed 64 percent of his passes and threw for 25 touchdowns last

season, has 75 percent of his receiving corps returning: John Hyland, David Shearer, and John Clifford. But keeping the defense honest could be a problem since the top four running backs have departed. The loss of fullbacks Neil Martin and Russ Torres, who were the keys to the pass-blocking schemes, could be especially troublesome if seniors Chris Umscheid and Matt Burkholder don't perform. There are also questions on the offensive line, where three of last year's starters are gone, but fifth-year all-league senior Andy MacDonald is back at tackle, Nat Cook at center, and Duncan MacLean at guard. Across the line coach John Lyons doesn't appear to have a problem. Eight starters from the defense that ranked second in the league against the run and third overall return, headed by all-Ivy outside linebacker George Neos (12 sacks).

CORNELL

Coach Steve Tosches is 38-21-1 since taking over in 1987 at the age of 31. Those numbers will surely get better with running back Keith Elias, a consensus first-team All-America, and his bodyguard, fullback Peter Bailey, back. "We will give Elias the ball 25 or 30 times a game," Tosches said. "We'd be shortchanging ourselves if we didn't." Senior quarterback Joe Foote, who was 7-1 as a starter and has a current streak of 116 passes without an interception, returns. The defense has one key returnee in all-Ivy tackle Reggie Harris, who had seven sacks last season but both lines need to be rebuilt. And the loss of all-purpose Michael Lerch, who caught 30 passes for 579 yards and averaged over 120 yards in offense per game, could be critical.

THE QUAKERS
The Quakers are another team with an experienced quarterback, Jim McGeehan, but defense appears to be their game. Al Bagnoli, who went 7-3 in his first season after coming from Union College, where he was the American Football Coaches Association Region 1 Coach of the Year four times, is stocked with experience from a team that ranked sixth in Division I-AA in total defense (280.7 yards per game), fifth in points allowed (14.4), and third in pass defense (90.39). Ends Michael Turner and Dave Betten, who combined for 127 tackles, are back, as are tackles Kelly Tolton and Wayne Drosesser. Linebacker Pat Goodwillie, who led the team in tackles, was the Ivy League Sophomore of the Year. The secondary is not as experienced, with senior Jim Manganaris at strong safety and junior James Daniels at cornerback.

McGeehan, who was slow to pick up the new offense, started six games and threw for 909 yards, but he should be able to upgrade his game behind an offensive line that returns seven lettermen. The receiving corps lost five players to graduation, but senior Ben Holman and junior tight end Warren Rosborough are back. The running game will miss all-Ivy Sundial Rush, who averaged 106 yards per game, but much is expected from junior Terrence Stokes. Remember the names of running back Maurice Barton, receiver Miles Mackie, and quarterback Clarence Friend. They are off the 5-1 freshman team.

CORNELL

This team was en route to the league title and had its longest winning streak since 1971.

RODE ISLAND

It can't get much worse for the Rams, can it? After going 1-10 last season, losing the final 10, URI hired Floyd Keith to turn things around. Or at least to make the Rams respectable. Keith's top priority will be to shore up a defense that was shredded for nearly 31 points per game in 1992. The Rams simply couldn't stop anybody from running all over them, allowing 249.5 yards per game on the ground. They return five defensive starters including senior linebacker Dave Slattery, the team's No. 3 tackler. He also topped the Rams in tackles as a freshman and sophomore. The rebuilt defense will count on huge contribu-

when it was ambushed by Columbia and Penn in the last two games of the season. So start over with all-Ivy senior linebacker Chris Zingo, who set a school single-season record for tackles (179) had eight sacks, and three blocked kicks last fall. He needs just 11 tackles to be Cornell's all-time leader. Junior linebacker John Vullo, who is coming off an 84-tackle season complements Zingo nicely. Senior quarterback Bill Lazor owns 17 school passing records, including consecutive passes without an interception (124). Two of those records had been held by coach Jim Hofher (14-7 in league, 19-11 in three years).

There is a lack of depth, so the club cannot afford many injuries. And there are no holes to fill. Running back Scott Olano (834 yards) is gone, so senior Pete Fitzpatrick, the team's No. 2 rusher will have to step up for a team that was second in the league in total offense. Mike Jamin, second in school history in receiving yards, and five other targets are gone. Also, a reinforcement will have to be found for all-Ivy center Troy Thompson.

Color the Blue green. Coach Carm Cozza will be looking for at least a few good men to replace 34 players lost from a team that went 4-6 overall and 2-5 in the league after it won three of its first four games.

Want a reason for optimism? Keith Price, who collected 1,141 yards, averaged 4.7 per run, led the Elis in pass receptions (16 for 151 yards), and scored half the team's touchdowns (11), is one of the returnees. His ground production was the third-highest in school history and included five 100-yard



games. Need another reason? Quarterback Steve Mills, who threw for 863 yards and three TDs (he ran for two others) despite being sacked 28 times is also back. And consider that Yale teams, under Cozza, have a history of rebounding after losing seasons, the latest being the 1988 team that won the Ivy title after a 3-6-1 record in 1987.

Now back to reality. Replacements for four regulars on the offensive line, three starting defensive linemen, two linebackers and 75 percent of the defensive backfield must be found. Outside linebacker John Saunders, who was in on 95 tackles and had two sacks and inside linebacker Carl Ricci, who led the

team with 103 tackles, will likely be busy. The schedule, which includes Holy Cross, Central Florida, and Connecticut, is considered one of the toughest in recent years.

HARVARD

You want tough? Take Crimson linebacker Brian Ramer. He had 59 tackles, two interceptions, a fumble recovery, and four sacks last fall. Wonder what he could have done with two good arms? Most of the numbers came while he wore a cast on his right arm. Harvard will return a healthy Ramer, but two other starting linebackers, the entire defensive line, and three-fourths of the secondary have graduated. Senior left cornerback Jay Ellis is the other surviving member of a defensive unit that was No. 2 in league games a year ago.

There is more optimism for the offense especially since two-year starter Mike Giardi, a second-team all-leaguer, is back. He may rank right up there with Dartmouth's Fiedler at least as an all-round threat. He already ranks third on the team's all-time passing yardage (2,464) list is tied for the school record in rushing TDs (21), and is the No. 3 career scorer with 128 points. And the numbers do not tell it all. He threw only three interceptions in 172 passes last season and twice rushed for 100 yards in a game. Giardi may get some time and space to do his thing since four starters, led by all-Ivy second-teamer Jason Slavik, are back to protect him.

YALE

Mickey Kwiatkowski, isn't asking much. "All I want is improvement," he said of his program, which didn't produce a victory last season. He better get it. Don't look now, but the turnover among coaches in the Ivy League does not reflect the league's "academics first" philosophy. There have been more coaches fired in the Ivy League than in the Big Ten. You could look it up. Kwiatkowski, who came from the staff at Hofstra, which made the NCAA playoffs five times, was also previously the offensive coordinator at Southwest Missouri State for four years with no losing records. He is taking over the direction of the offense and entrusting the league's most porous defense to Jim Fleming, in from Boston State and touted for his aggressive philosophy.

First the bad news: Brown will be the only team in the league without an incumbent quarterback. Gordie Myers, the MVP of the freshman team last fall, rushed for three touchdowns and passed for two in just six quarters of play and looks like the leading candidate. Youth will also be served in the running game, where Jose Torres, Paul Gillette, Anthony Alexander, and Jody Gallegos figure to see plenty of time. If the offensive line, which returns four starters who average 275 pounds, gives the quarterback time, the Bruins have two good returning receivers in juniors Brennan Nakane and Charlie Buckley.

Now, the good news: Three starters—Eugene Smith, John Powers, and Karl Lozanne return in a secondary that was No. 2 in the Ivy in pass defense. Of course, opponents didn't have to throw very often. The Bruins gave up 260 rushing yards per game.

COLUMBIA

This is Ray Teller's team, the first one with all players he recruited. And the team he will take into the 1993 season has momentum, having

won its last two games last season, one of which derailed Cornell's title hopes. The Lions are mainly counting on offense, since the defense has been ravaged by graduation. Much will depend on quarterback Chad Andrzejewski, who threw for nine touchdowns and 1,897 yards last fall. Those numbers however are nullified by his league-high 14 interceptions. A big hole on offense is left by Des Werthmen (10 TDs and 185 yards rushing when he wasn't playing linebacker), the runner-up to Princeton's Keith Elias for the Ivy League Player of the Year award, must be filled. Marcellus Wiley, who led the frosh in rushing, and Greg Evans, a transfer from Air Force, are candidates for the vacancy.

Werthmen will also have to be replaced on defense, but all-Ivy tackle Sean Nichols, who had seven sacks last season, is back. Recruits up from the freshman team could play a big role: free safety Tom Cusick, cornerback Steve Choe, defensive backs Scott Eastman and Ralph Hudson, linebacker Jake Lill, and fullback John Harper.

metro atlantic athletic conference

predictions

metro atlantic athletic conference

1. St. John's, 2. Iona, 3. St. Peter's,
4. Canisius, 5. Georgetown, 6. Siena

There are no scholarships, no spring practice, and virtually no idea of how the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will unfold in its first college football season. Four MAAC teams (Canisius, Iona, Siena, and St. Peter's) and two reluctant football powers from the Big East (Georgetown and St. John's) have melded in an NCAA-mandated move up from Division III to a different style, low-profile Division I-AA. "Let's face it, we're talking semantics here," Canisius coach Barry Mynter said. "We were D-3 on 11 teams last year, and we are again this year, no matter what you call it."

The MAAC called it the only way to go after attempts either to remain in Division III or form a Division I-AA were shot down. "Our first preference was to remain at the Division III level, but the NCAA membership voted against it," Siena athletic director John D'Argenio said. So here we go on a magical, mystery maiden season: Division II football packaged smartly as I-AA.

ST. JOHN'S

The Redmen are best equipped for the jump up. "Favorite? We don't want to hear it," coach Bob Ricca deadpanned before conceding, "We know we have a good group returning. On paper, we look pretty solid." For openers, the offense returns four high-profile players: Senior tailback Anthony Russo, the school's all-time leading rusher (4,276 yards) went for 1,479 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Senior Sean Sharkey completed 54 percent of his passes for 1,702 yards and 18 TDs and was second in rushing. His favorite receivers are senior Anthony Ladevaio (47 catches for 722 yards and 3 TDs) and junior Tom MacPherson (36-571-14).

So why wasn't St. John's better than 5-5 last fall? Injuries wrecked Ricca's 3-4 defense.

Ray Lambright, who had 73 tackles and seven sacks in 1991, broke his leg in the '92 season opener. Linebackers Chris Carew and Martin Wade missed most of the year with torn knee ligaments and nose guard Al Bruno (torn arch) played hurt practically every game. "Ray is the biggest key," Ricca said. In 15 seasons in Division III, the Redmen were 92-59-1. Now they aim higher. "We're looking forward to new horizons," Ricca said.

IONA

The Gaels' 5-5 season was tainted by four losses decided by seven points or less, including a painful 33-30 defeat administered by St. John's in the opener. Iona squandered a 24-13 half-time lead, failing to end an 11-year drought against the Redmen. This fall the Gaels finish at St. John's in a game which could decide the league championship.

The Gaels come out throwing. In '92, they averaged 283 yards through the air and an abysmal 31 on the ground. Junior quarterback Tom Proudfit, who passed for 875 yards and nine touchdowns, runs the run-and-shoot with an explosive corps of receivers headed by senior wideout Eugene McGowan, who caught a school-record 59 passes in '92 for 864 yards and eight TDs. Senior tackle Guy Starkiewicz leads the offensive line.

Though the defense loses leading tackler Andrew Cox, nine starters return, including linebackers Tom Oakes and Mike Morgan, back Jim Torhan (6 interceptions) and lineman Vincent Santella (7 sacks).

ST. PETER'S

In going 7-2 in '92 the Peacocks doubled the opponents' points (185-92) and beat two MAAC rivals, Georgetown and Siena. Big plays? Free safety Scott Mahike returned a short, fourth-quarter field goal attempt 109 yards for a touchdown to beat rival Jersey City State 20-14 in the Boulevard Block Trophy Game. Split end Ray Marshall didn't go quite that far, but one of his 41 catches went for 77 yards and a touchdown. The year before, he earned a spot in NCAA history with a 99-yard TD catch. Behind a line that lost just one player, junior quarterback Anthony Guma (1,334 passing yards and 16 TDs) is poised for his own big season with Donny Russo (499 yards), a healthy Pat Jacques (320), and Derrick Reynolds (303) in his backfield. Senior Kevin Young is a four-year starter on the line.

Linebacker Ken Vaughn, who led the Peacocks in tackles for the second straight season, and Mahike, who doubled as the '91 MAAC tennis singles champ, head the defense. The kicking game is crucial. St. Peter's made only one of two field goals the entire season and missed eight of 24 PATs.

WAGNER

There are two ways to regard the Golden Griffins' 3-6-1 record: a poor performance overall, or a horrible 0-4 start with a respectable 3-2 finish. Coach Barry Mynter surprises no one by looking at the positive: "I think we're headed in the right direction." To continue, he must clear up congestion at quarterback. Sophomore Ben Kucia may have to wait behind senior Steve D'Anna, who won both games he started last fall. "If Ben can just progress a little bit, he's the player of the future for us," Mynter said. Kucia played in six games last year and threw 11 interceptions

vs. three touchdowns, but his completion rate was higher than D'Anna's. The Griffins' multiple-I offense features hometown (Buffalo) junior tailback Turhan Jordan, who had three 150-yard games and finished with 683 yards in '92. Tight end Chris Mucica (6-5, 240) is a large target next to another huge guy, tackle Roger Malcolm (6-4, 290).

Defensively Canisius returns just one man in the secondary, speedy Dave Fraterrigo. Frank Zabawa and Mike Duffy anchor the line

(498), and Brian Prescod (399) all return, as do guard Rick Gnaldi and tight end Jim Bogacki (24-288-5). Brian Murphy and Archie Dean are the leading candidates to replace quarterback Terry O'Hare. Honorable mention All-American outside linebacker Ryan Tobin (133 tackles, 6 sacks) and Bryan Devone (114-6) are proven and the line is solid with end Anthony Harper and tackle William Snell. Dan Ricciardi averaged 37.9 yards per punt but made only one of 10 field goal attempts.

ST. FRANCIS (PA)

In 1991 the Red Flash posted their first winning season since 1986 with a 6-3 record. In 1992, they improved to 8-2-1, including their first postseason tournament appearance, a 48-6 loss to Wagner in the ECAC Southeast championship game. With 15 starters back, St. Francis has its sights set on an ECAC crown. Quarterback Kevin Magee, the ECAC Southern Player of the Year, will once again pilot the offense. He completed 150 of 272 attempts for 2,056 yards and 19 touchdowns. His leading receiver, Todd Eckenrode (51-709-3), returns. Junior running backs Kevin Keenan and Dwayne Eck combined for 1,154 yards and 13 TDs. The line has experience but must reduce the 35 sacks it allowed.

The strength of the defense is the secondary, headed by leading tackler Michael Graziani, Don Geiger, and Kevin Beitel. Linebackers Matt Penrose and Jason Eminzer are solid. Replacements must be found on the line, but PJ Petrarco (5 sacks) returns.

HOFSTRA

Hofstra recorded its first losing season in seven years (4-6), but the Flying Dutchmen should improve with the return of 16 starters. Junior running back Jeff Beccetti chalked up 1,345 all-purpose yards and senior quarterback George Beisel completed 53 percent of his passes with 10 touchdowns. There are capable receivers in Ken Colon (28-389-1), Michael Wright (29-310-1), Rafael Morales (22-230-1), and Wayne Chrebet (18-134-4). The line is anchored by senior Jason Soe and sophomores Owen Gardner and Dave Fiore. Linebacker Herve Damas returns with Michael Pfeifer and Dante Gilliam, who notched 50 tackles apiece. End Fritz Ayin and tackle Emery Tyler are solid. The secondary returns All-American candidate Lee Harris, a junior free safety who led the unit with 108 stops, four interceptions, and two fumble recoveries.

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Independents

- 1 Wagner, 2 St. Francis, 3 Hofstra, 4 Duquesne, 5 Marist, 6 Buffalo, 7 Central Connecticut State

WAGNER

The 1992 Liberty Conference champions hope their 9-2 Division III record will be as easily accomplished as they move up in '93 to Division I-AA. The Seahawks shouldn't experience much of a letdown with a similar schedule and 16 returning starters. Running backs Chris Purdy, Wagner's leading scorer (10 TDs) and rusher (578 yards), Kito Lockwood

This will be a season of "firsts" for the Dukes. Head coach Dan McCann announced his retirement after 19 years, the longest tenure of any coach in Duquesne's history. And after competing for 13 years in Division III, the Dukes enter I-AA. Replacing McCann is former assistant coach Greg Gattuso, who hopes to improve on last year's 5-4 record. Duquesne's first winning season since 1989. He'll rely on two veterans: senior team captains Mike Haines and Damon Berry, to show the way. Haines has led the Dukes in rushing and scoring for the last two years and last fall he set four school records: single-season rushing yards (1,230) and carries (238) and single-game yards (267) and carries (35). Sophomore Brian Staines is the leading candidate to replace quarterback Todd Cunningham.

ham Damon Berry, who also returns punts anchors the defense. He has career stats of 149 tackles and six interceptions.

Second-year coach Jim Parady hopes to improve upon last season's 4-5-1 record, but with the jump from Division II to I-AA, that could prove difficult. Parady has 19 starters back, including All-America candidate Don D'Aiuto at tailback. The school's all-time leading rusher (3,099 yards), D'Aiuto had 746 yards and five touchdowns despite missing two games a year ago with a hamstring injury. Fullback Kyle Carraro had 779 yards and nine TDs. The two runners should once again be effective with four starters returning on the line anchored by senior Andrew Young. Senior Brian McCourt returns for his third year as the starting quarterback. He will be reunited with favorite target, split end Dan Phelan, the team's top receiver (25-400-2). The defense will miss linebacker Joe Riccardi, Marist's all-time leading tackler, but the line is solid with ends Joe McGann and Matt McGilvray and tackle Jeremy Thode, who led the unit with seven sacks. David Caldwell, who also punts, is the lone returning linebacker. The secondary returns three starters, the best of whom is strong safety Bryan Oles.

UFFLE
Despite last fall's losing record, coach Jim Ward is confident of the Bulls' chances in their first season in I-AA. "We were 4-6, but anyone who saw us play, especially our opponents knew we could have easily been 6-4 with our offense." One reason for Ward's confidence was a single-season school record for points (319). On the down side, the Bulls also allowed the most points in their history (395). Returning to lead the offense is quarterback Cliff Scott, who completed 140 of 287 passes for 2,088 yards and 18 touchdowns. The receiving corps is solid with seniors Rusty Knapp (38 catches for 525 yards and 4 TDs) and Doc Smith (47-996-10). The backfield is inexperienced, but the line should be strong with four starters returning. The defensive line returns Todd Schaffer, Bubba Walker and Jason Galley. Linebackers Ben Kincel, Doug Lindsay, and Matt Werder showed promise as freshmen. The secondary is anchored by Robert Harris, who led the Bulls with five interceptions and was second in tackles with 56.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE

The Blue Devils return 13 starters from last year's 1-8 squad as they make the step up to I-AA this season. Halfback Jeff McLeod averaged 6.3 yards per carry, was the third-leading receiver, led the team in punt and kickoff returns, and scored five touchdowns. Fullback Matt Percolosi, who scored nine touchdowns in 1991, returns after missing most of last season with an injury. The offensive line must replace three starters. The defense, with seven returning starters, is headed by All-America candidate Mike Gannon at tackle and inside linebacker Leonard Melillo. Gannon led the team with nine sacks and was tied for third with 61 tackles with Melillo, who had three fumble recoveries. Nelson Magachos returns to do the place-kicking but a punter must be found. State begins the season with four road games in what could be the beginning of a long year for the Blue Devil faithful. □

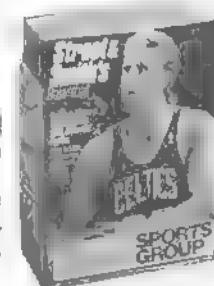
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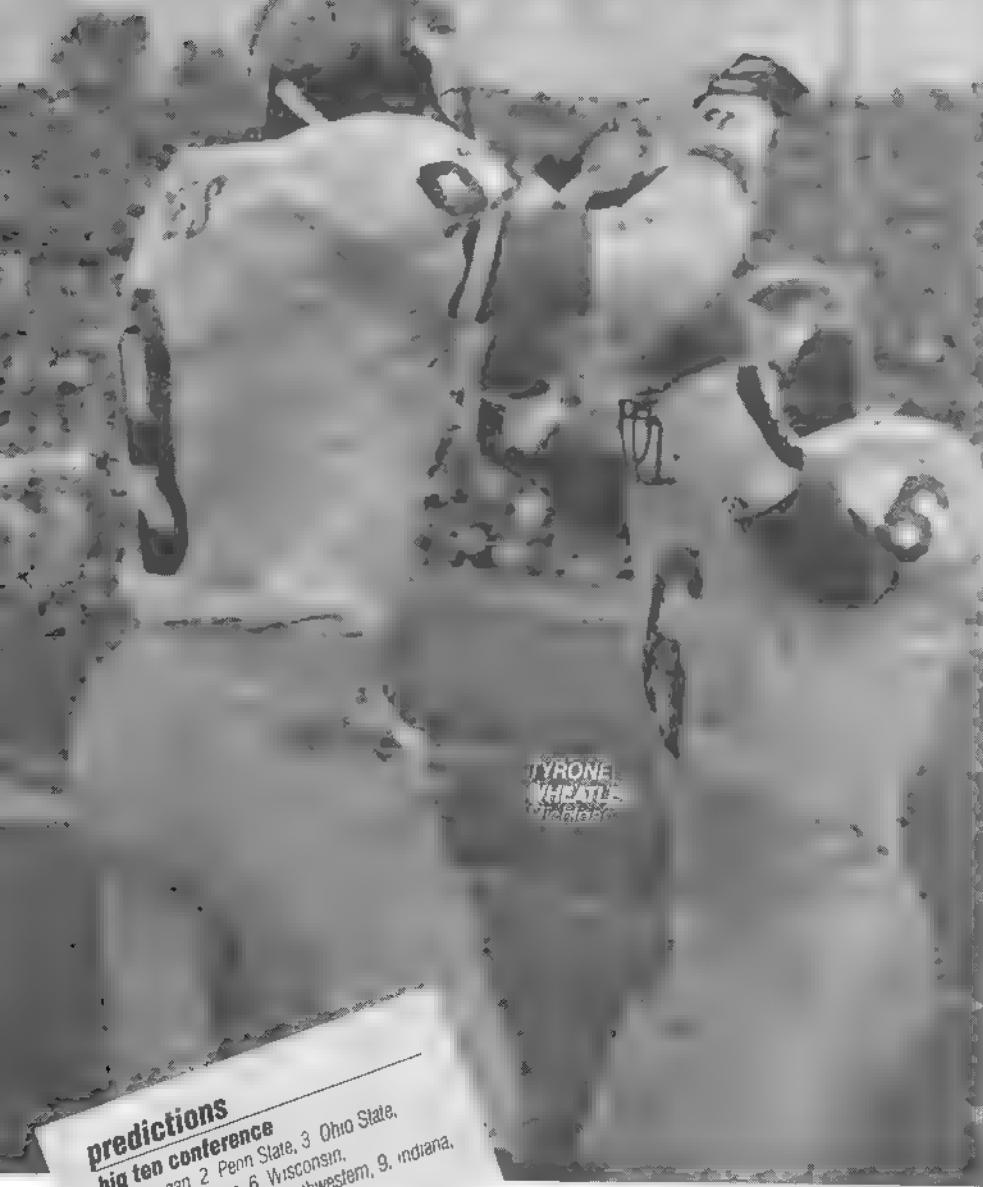
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MICHIGAN (9-0-3, 6-0-2) The Wolverines had one of their strangest seasons in years. The joke went that their record read more like an area code. The Wolverines were a few breaks away from a national championship, yet at the same time, they were close to having a mediocre season, at least for them.

This year's team, though, shouldn't disappoint. Offensively, Michigan is loaded. It starts with All-America wide receiver Derrick Alexander (50 catches and 11 touchdowns) and continues with junior tailback Tyrone Wheatley (1,357 yards rushing), who should be in the running for the Heisman Trophy. Senior tail-

back Ricky Powers, slowed by injuries last fall, returns with over 2,000 career rushing yards. Todd Collins should answer any questions at quarterback. Filling in for Elvin Grbac, he set Michigan's single-game completion mark with 29 against Oklahoma State and then threw four touchdown passes against Houston. At 6-5 and 240 pounds, Collins has the size to go along with the poise. But the biggest key will be the offensive line. Michigan doesn't have a true veteran returning, which would be trouble for most teams. The Wolverines, though, have a history of turning out fine linemen. They will be counting on Marc Miller (6-3, 272) at center, Shawn Miller (6-4, 273) at guard, and Trezelle Jenkins (6-8, 298) at tackle, with the remaining two spots yet to be filled.

Defensively, the Wolverines lost nose guard Chris Hutchinson and back Corwin Brown. They are looking to linebackers Steve Morrison on the inside and Matt Dyson on the outside to anchor the unit. Up front, middle guard Tony Henderson and tackle Buster Stanley are solid. Senior strong safety Shonte Peoples was first-team all-Big Ten.

The schedule is inviting, with Notre Dame, Iowa, Illinois, and Ohio State at home. But a trip to Penn State looms, and with it perhaps another Big Ten title—it would be six in a row—and Rose Bowl bid.

(7-5) Coach Joe Paterno has many questions to be answered in his first season in the Big Ten. Gone from last year's squad are receiver O.J. McDuffie and running back Richie Anderson, and those losses will hurt. They scored 28 of Penn State's 49 rushing and receiving touchdowns last fall.

The key will be settling on a quarterback. Paterno has three choices. Sophomore Wally Richardson started the first two games and completed 53.3 percent of his passes. John Saccia led the Nittany Lions in passing, but he saw only limited playing time after their mid-season loss to Boston College. Kerry Collins was supposed to be last year's No. 1 man, but he was hit by injuries and missed spring practice because of finger surgery. The competition should be interesting in preseason drills. Elsewhere in the backfield, Paterno hopes fullback Brian O'Neal (458 yards rushing, including 105 plus 4 touchdowns against Pitts-



burgh) recovers from offseason back surgery. The tailback position is wide open with Mike Archie, Ki-Jana Carter, and Steven Pitts, who combined for 525 yards and nine touchdowns. Penn State is looking for Tisen Thomas to pick up an increased share of the receiving load and Justin Williams could also be a factor. The two have big-play potential, having combined for a 22.6-yard average on 15 catches. Up front, guard Mike Mainowski is the only lineman who started every game a year ago. He will be joined by center Bucky Greeley and tackle Derrick Pickett, with Keith Conlin, Jeff Hartings and Marco Rivera competing for starting jobs.

Defensively, Paterno is counting on the Nittany Lions to be tougher. He thought they were inconsistent last season. There are two standout players in the line in tackles Lou Benfatti and Tyoka Jackson. Nose tackle Vin Stewart and Todd Atkins and Andre Johnson also return with some experience. Linebacker is solid with Phil Yeboah-Kodie, last year's leading tackler, and Brian Gelzheiser and Eric Clair, both of whom finished strong. Derek Bochna, who led the Lions with three interceptions, returns in the secondary with free safety Lee Rubin and cornerback Shelly Hammonds, who made a smooth transition from tailback.

A big concern for Paterno is the status of kicker Craig Fayak, who missed the second half of last season with a back injury. If Fayak can't return, V.J. Muscillo will do the punting and place-kicking.

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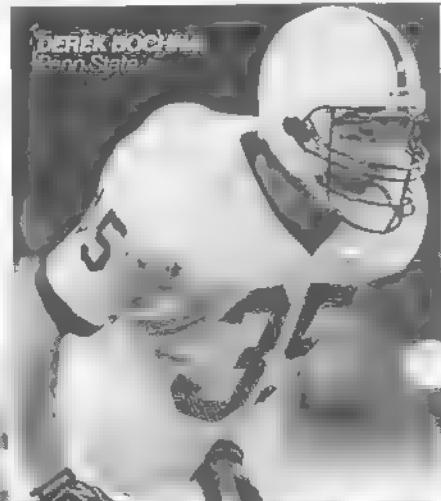


JOHN COOPER

(8-3-1, 5-2-1) Job security has proven elusive for battle-worn coach John Cooper. He still has three years remaining on his contract, but when asked if he could guarantee that he would be back for 1994, Cooper shrugged, "No." He is well aware of the demanding Buckeye faithful and the high expectations of the administration. He hasn't made life easy for himself in failing to win a bowl game in four tries at Columbus, along with never beating archrival Michigan.

Cooper has some skilled players to replace. Sophomore running back Robert Smith and junior safety Roger Harper declared early for the NFL draft. The Buckeyes also lost quarterback Kirk Herbstreit and linebacker Steve Tovar. Still, they won't be without talent. Offensively, they should be strong up front with tackles Alan Kline, a Big Ten Freshman of the Year, and Korey Stringer and Dave Monnot and Jason Winrow to open the holes for fullback Jeff Cofran, who gained 410 yards and averaged 4.2 yards per carry last season. Tailbacks Raymont Harris, Eddie George, and Butler Byrd'e also return. At quarterback is

DEREK BOCHNA
Penn State



MATT DYSON
Michigan

the unproven Bob Hoyer, who threw only 14 passes in 1992. He will be looking for receivers Chris Sanders and Joey Galloway and tight end Cedric Saunders.

The Buckeyes will be strong again on defense after giving up an average of just 13.2 points per game a year ago. The line features end Jason Simmons, an All-America candidate, and tackle Dan Wilkinson. Outs of linebackers Craig Powell and Mark Williams and safety Chico Nelson (3 interceptions) and cornerback Tim Walton are back.

The schedule is imposing. Ohio State entertains Washington as well as Penn State and takes to the road against Illinois and Michigan.

ILLINOIS

(6-5-1, 4-3-1) The Illini looked dead in 1992 after a midseason loss to Northwestern. But they rallied to finish 3-0-1 (including a tie on the road with Michigan) and earn a trip to the Holiday Bowl against Hawaii.

Coach Lou Tepper brought in former Chicago Bears assistant Greg Landry to perk up an offense that lost quarterback Jason Verduzco. Junior J.J. O'Laughlin will contend with sophomore Johnny Johnson and redshirt freshman Scott Weaver for the starting job. None of them threw a pass last season. The threesome could also be pushed by highly touted recruit Jeff Hecklinski. Tight ends Dave Olson, the '92 starter, and Ken Dilger, who started most of '91 and sat out much of last season,

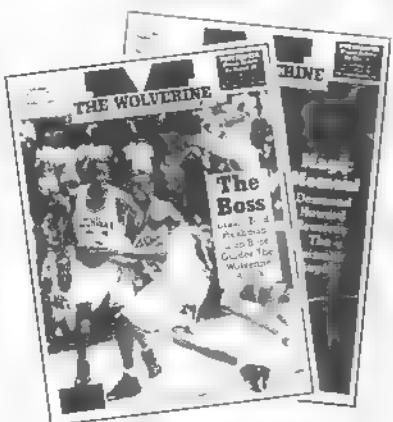
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with knee problems, return. Leading receiver John Wright is gone, but Jim Klein (27 catches) and flanker Jasper Strong are back. Sophomore tailback Kevin Jackson (481 yards rushing) showed flashes in his first extensive action. The Illini are also looking hard at redshirt freshman Ty Douthard. They will miss all-Big Ten Brad Hopkins on the line, but three regulars return: center Greg Engel, tackle Randy Bierman, and guard Derek Allen.

Illinois is loaded on defense, where 10 starters remain. It's an impressive group, led by



junior linebackers Dana Howard and John Holecek, who rank with any pair in the country. Howard was a Butkus Award candidate. Rush linebacker Simeon Rice was named a Big Ten Freshman of the Year and classmate Kevin Hardy is just as good. The secondary is solid with all-conference Filmel Johnson and Robert Crumpton on the corners and free safety Jeff Arneson. And the special teams feature kicker Chris Richardson, who has made 25 of 36 field goals in his career.

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(5-7, 4-4) The Hawkeyes aren't used to having a losing record under coach Hayden Fry. It was only the second in the last 12 years. The performance had Fry terming the Hawkeyes

"embarrassed, upset, and mad." He's pointing to one positive. The last time Iowa had a losing season, it rebounded by going to the Rose Bowl the following year.

The coaches have some work to do in replacing nine offensive regulars, including All-America center Mike Devlin. Much of the burden will fall on senior quarterback Paul Burmeister, who won two of his three starting assignments last fall. Senior Matt Eyde also figures to contend for playing time. At running back, junior Ryan Terry (429 yards rushing and 19 catches for 170 yards) has experience, but he'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Sedrick Shaw, whom Fry called "probably the fastest player we ever recruited," and Tavian Banks, another prize recruit. Junior Harold Jasper and senior Jeff Antila are the targets at wide receiver. The line lost all five starters, making that area a priority.

Eight regulars return on defense, headed by tackle Mike Wells, an All America candidate and Iowa's all-time sack leader (24). Nose guard Maurea Crain and ends Larry Blue (10 sacks in '92) and John Hartel should be tough. Linebackers Matt Hildard, Mike Dailey, Tyrone Boudreaux, and Bobby Diaco all remain. Safety Jason Olejniczak, who led the team with 99 tackles, keys the secondary with cornerback Scott Plate.

The kicking game has to improve if the Hawkeyes are to rise back above 500. Todd



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Romano had a dual role last season, but he averaged only 37.7 yards per punt and made just five of eight field goals. Incoming freshman Eric Meng will get a long look. Fry is also counting on an influx of talent from 10 junior college transfers.

WISCONSIN

(5-6, 3-5) A year of promise had a disappointing finish for the Badgers. They needed to beat Northwestern in the season finale to earn a probable bid to the Independence Bowl. But a two-point loss kept them home for another year. Still, the Badgers have made huge strides under coach Barry Alvarez. With 16 starters returning and a couple of strong recruiting classes in the fold, the expectations are high in Madison.

The defense, Alvarez's forte, placed fourth in the conference last year, allowing just 122 yards rushing per game. The unit is keyed by a solid foundation up front of all-Big Ten nose



guard Lamark Shackerford and tackles Carlos Fowler and Mike Thompson. The group has started 64 games together. Alvarez is anticipating a big impact from junior outside linebacker Chad Yokum, who earned a starting job at midseason and had three sacks against Ohio State. Nick Rafko is on the other side and Yusef Burgess and Todd Orlando on the inside. Safeties Scott Nelson and Reggie Holt head the secondary with Kenny Gaines and Jeff Messenger on the corners.

Across the line, the Badgers improved in every facet of the game under first-year offensive coordinator Brad Childress, whose first order of business is to settle on a quarterback. Sophomore Darrell Bevell is the incumbent, but he will get competition from Jay Macias. The tailbacks are Brent Moss (739 yards) and Terrell Fletcher (496). Junior split end Lee DeRamus (42 catches and 6 TDs) is a big-play threat who is on target to become the school's all-time receiving leader. Alvarez called the line the most improved unit on the team. It features tackles Joe Panos, a walk-on who has earned all-star consideration, and Mike Verstegen and center Cory Raymer.

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MICHIGAN STATE
(5-6, 5-3) The last couple of seasons have been downers for the Spartans, who haven't gone to a bowl since 1990. A second straight loss to Central Michigan in '92 only added to the frustration. Still, nobody will discount coach George Perles's team, which could be primed to make a strong rebound with 16 returning starters.

As always the emphasis for Perles is on defense. The Spartans will miss leading tackler Ty Hallock, but outside linebackers Rob Fredrickson and Matt Christensen can be expected to pick up any slack. Perles is high on the secondary, which is led by academic All-America strong safety Steve Wasylk, who had 114 tackles last fall, and cornerback Myron Bell. Juan Hammonds and Aaron Jackson return in the line, but replacements are needed for Mike Edwards and Bill Reese.

The offense has to replace tailback Tico Duckett, the school's No. 2 career rusher. Craig Thomas should get the bulk of the work, with Steve "Batman" Holman and Duane Goulbourne and fullback Brice Adams also returning. Big-play receiver Mil Coleman (37 receptions) is one of the Big Ten's more interesting players. A former quarterback, he threw 29 passes last season in double duty. The line includes senior Brett Lorus and soph Bob Denton at guard and juniors Shane Hanahan at tackle and Bob Organ at tight end.

NORTHWESTERN

(3-8, 3-5) The Wildcats are hoping to take a big step this year. New coach Gary Barnett came in with the slogan "Expect Victory" and the Wildcats actually came through, winning three games in the conference for the first time since 1973. An impressive recruiting class has brought unprecedented enthusiasm to the Northwestern campus.

Indeed, no team will look forward to facing the Wildcats' offense this fall. It returns 10



starters, including receiver Lee Gissendaner. An unknown commodity before last season, Gissendaner went on to be named the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player, leading the league with 1,564 all-purpose yards and 68 receptions and averaging 21.8 yards per punt return. A fast start will put Gissendaner in contention for the Heisman Trophy. Quarterback Lee Williams also got noticed after throwing for 2,110 yards last year. He blossomed once he got a handle on Barnett's offensive philosophy. Junior tight end Luther Morris is a big-play receiver whose speed enables him to

move out wide at times. He had 21 catches for 255 yards, including five for 65 yards against Notre Dame, last fall. Tailback Dennis Lundy (688 yards) provides balance to the attack. Senior tackle Matt O'Dwyer was called the best lineman in the Big Ten by Michigan coach Gary Moeller. Junior center Rob Johnson also is highly esteemed. Todd Baczek and Ryan Badgett are other line returnees.

The problem for the Wildcats last season was a defense that surrendered 34.1 points per game. Seven starters return, so Barnett expects improvement from experience. The strength will be at linebacker with Steve Ostrowski and Steve Shyne. The line is anchored by John Hellebusch and Nick Walker and the secondary by William Bennett, Anthony Purkett and Korey Singleton.

The Wildcats do not play Michigan, but otherwise the schedule is formidable, with non-conference games against Notre Dame, Boston College, and Wake Forest—all bowl teams a year ago—in the first three weeks.

PURDUE

(5-6, 3-5) Like almost everyone else in the Big Ten, the Hoosiers are looking to bounce back. They finished with a thud last year, losing their last three games. With 16 returning starters, chances for improvement are good.



One of the absentees, however, is quarterback Trent Green, who has graduated leaving the job to sophomore John Paci. He helped lead Indiana to a comeback victory over Minnesota when Green was injured. Paci, though, will be pushed by redshirt freshman Chris Dittae, who is considered an outstanding prospect. Indiana coach Bill Mallory vows that the offense will produce on the

ground again after gaining only 121.5 yards per game rushing last fall. It was a far cry from the years of Anthony Thompson and Vaughn Dunbar. Brett Law (541 yards) was the starting tailback, but Michael Batts and redshirt freshmen Kenyetta Williams and James Oliverson will be in the picture. A plus is the returning offensive line. The receivers look solid with Thomas Lewis (54 catches) and Eddie Baetz (39) and tight end Ross Hales (34).

Mallory thinks he has one of his best defensive lines in years. End Charles Beauchamp should be a standout, provided he is recovered from knee surgery. Tackle Hurvin McCormack and end Bernard Whittington form a sound front. Jay Davis led the Big Ten with five interceptions last year, while fellow linebacker Al Thurman topped the team in tackles. The secondary rebounded in the second half behind cornerback Mose Richardson and safety Chris Dyer. Punter Jim DiGuilio returns after setting an Indiana record (44.3).

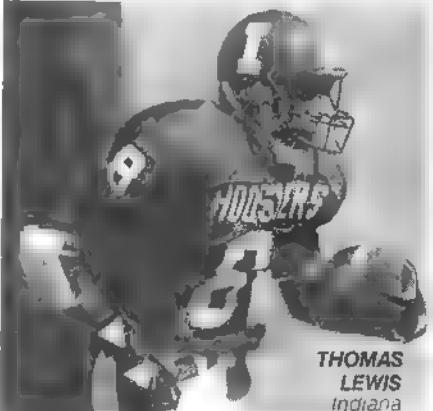
PURDUE

(4-7, 3-5) The Boilermakers had an uneven season in 1992. They opened with an impressive victory over California, but they followed that with a loss to Toledo. They also won at Iowa for the first time since 1979 but lost to Northwestern at home. Obviously, coach Jim Colletto is looking for consistency this fall.

Starting quarterback Eric Hunter has graduated, but Colletto doesn't have to look far for a replacement. Junor Matt Pike started five of the first six games last season. He has to improve his decision-making on the field. Running back will be a strength. Senior Arlee Conners (676 yards) is the incumbent, but Corey Rogers, a Big Ten Freshman of the Year returns after sitting out 1992. Jermaine Ross



JIMMY YOUNG
Purdue



THOMAS
LEWIS
Indiana

adds speed at receiver, where he averaged 22.3 yards per catch. Senior flanker Jeff Hill, the No. 2 ground gainer, has rushed for over 1,000 yards, but he has been moved to wide receiver. The line, with just two returning regulars, has to find some players to go along with guards Elvin Caldwell and Chris Sedors.

Defensively, the Boilermakers have a number of voids because of the graduation of team Most Valuable Player Eric Beatty and nose guard Jeff Zgonina. Cornerback Jimmy Young, who rates among the best in the conference at his position, returns. He led the Big Ten in breaking up 14 passes. Safety Pat Johnson is a tough hitter. Sophomore inside linebacker Bart Conley was second among Big Ten freshmen with 99 tackles. Senior Raymond Batten is back on the outside. Up front, junior Eric Gray is a three-year starter.

MINNESOTA

(2-9, 2-6) New coach Jim Wacker brought a new enthusiasm to the Gophers, but it didn't translate onto the field. Minnesota was last in the conference in 1992, a repeat performance



will yield the dubious distinction of being the first team to finish 11th in the Big Ten.

In his search for improvement, Wacker is focusing on the turnover ratio, where the Gophers ranked 10th in the league (-12). The offense committed 25 turnovers, a figure that has to go down. But seven starters return on the unit, which lost the bulk of its line and starting quarterback Marquel Fleetwood. The race to replace Fleetwood will center on 6-foot-6 Tim Schade, who sat out last year after transferring from Texas Christian, and Scott Eckers and Robert Jones. Running back should be fine with Antonio Carter (572 yards) and sophomore Chris Darkins (357). Receiver Omar Douglas (61 catches for 669 yards) is the big-play threat. Split ends Aaron Osterman (41 catches) and Lewis Garrison are back. The line needs reinforcements for center Neil Fredenburg and guard Rob Rogers.

Across the line the Gophers must reduce their yield of 28.5 points per game. Eight starters return, led by second-team all-Big Ten end Dennis Cappella, who had 10 sacks. He will be joined on the line by Andy Kratochvil, Darrell Cunningham, Doyle Cockrell, and Ed Hawihorne. The linebackers are headed by Russ Heath (team-high 108 tackles). Also set are Doug Hoeler, Marquette Williams, and Lance and Todd Wolkow. Wacker said the secondary needs the most work, with the corps formed around Drion Mays at one corner and safety Jeff Rosga.

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- 1 Notre Dame, 2 Cincinnati
- 3 Youngstown State



(10-1-1) Some teams lose starters. The Irish lose first-round draft picks. Four of them, to be exact: quarterback Rick Mirer, fullback Jerome Bettis, cornerback Tom Carter and tight end Irv Smith. Little wonder why coach Lou Holtz has reached new valleys in his forever doomsday outlook for his team.

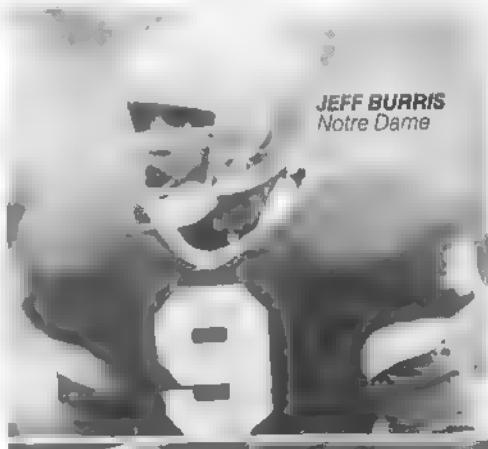
Yet fret not for Holtz, because the Irish never lack for talent. After losing Mirer, they merely recruited the player many believe is the best quarterback prospect in years, Ron Powlus. Holtz said that Powlus will get a chance to play after he was unimpressed in spring drills with returning candidates Kevin McDougal and Paul Failla. Neither grabbed a firm hold on the No. 1 job going into the summer. Holtz also has to replace his backfield after losing Bettis and tailback Reggie Brooks. Lee Bechtol should get the nod at tailback, while senior

BRYANT YOUNG
Notre Dame



Dean Lytle and junior Ray Zellars will vie for time at fullback. The receiving corps should be in good hands with Lake Dawson and tight end Oscar McBrine. The line returns All-American Aaron Taylor, who is being moved to tackle, and Todd Norman. Academic All-American Tim Ruddy is back at center.

The Irish made some strides last fall under first-year defensive coordinator Rick Minter. For the first time in a couple of years, Holtz believes the defense will actually be the strength of the team. It starts on the line with All-America candidate Bryant Young, who is supported by Jim Flanigan and Brian Hamilton. Demetrius DuBose is gone, but the linebacker corps returns the experienced Anthony Peterson and Pete Bercich. Holtz likes his secondary, which includes safety Jeff Burris and cornerback Greg Lane. Perhaps Holtz's



biggest challenge will be to find a replacement for punter/place-kicker Craig Hentrich Kevin Pendegast could be the man

The schedule, as usual, will be rugged It includes trips to Michigan, Stanford and Brigham Young and features November visits from Florida State and Boston College

CINCINNATI

(3-8) The Bearcats are hoping the return of 15 starters will give them their first winning record in 11 seasons Coach Tim Murphy thinks his program can turn the corner after a 92 season that included a near upset of Penn State

Offense will be the key Senior Lance Harp has a firm hold at quarterback, having thrown for 1,785 yards and seven touchdowns last fall He has capable targets in Marlon Pearce, the Bearcats' all-time reception leader with 125, and Brian Jenkins There is depth in the backfield with 5-foot-6 fullback Mike Britford and a wide-open scramble at tailback among David Small, Craedel Kimbrough, and Darrell Harding The big question is the line, which needs to be rebuilt Senior Ray Woodside, junior Rick Simons, and sophomores Dan Bostick and Jamie Lemire have experience

The defense is in better shape The line is fortified with tackles Ernest Allen and Bob Duckens The linebackers are seniors Nate Dingle, who led the Bearcats with six sacks and 11 tackles for loss, Jason Coppess, who had 112 tackles, and Jonathan Boone and junior Reggie Hudson Jocelyn Borgella, who paced Cincinnati in interceptions for the second straight year is the main man in the secondary that also returns starters Michael Davis, Alan Fletcher, and Laish Kinsler



YOUNGSTOWN STATE

(11-3-1) The Penguins, the winningest college football team of the '90s yes, more victories (34) than Miami (33), Florida State and Nevada (32), and Alabama, Eastern Kentucky, Northern Iowa, and Washington (31) made their second straight appearance in the I-AA championship game, where they lost, 31-28, to Marshall, the school they defeated, 25-17, in 1991 Head coach Jim Tressel, the chief architect at Youngstown State, saw last year's team set single-season school records for victories, points (448), passing yardage (2,390), and total yardage (5,486)

Running back Tamron Smith, who rushed for 979 yards and 14 touchdowns, heads a cast of 13 returning starters Redshirt sophomore Mark Brungard takes over at quarterback for the departed Nick Cochran Senior wide receiver Trent Boykin, the No. 2 receiver (38 for 458 yards) is back, as is his classmate at tight end, Aaron Green Drew Gerber is an honors candidate on an offensive line that also features Paul Kokos and Chris Sammarone Jeff Wilkins returns after rewriting the Penguins' record book with 104 points, which included 17 of 21 field goals and 53 of 54 PATs, last fall

Linebackers Jeff Powers and Alfred Hill III are back on the outside flanking Reggie Hill with David Burch and David Quick reunited on the line and Reggie Brown and Randy Smith in the secondary



mid-american conference

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mid-american conference

1. Bowling Green, 2. Toledo, 3. Miami,
4. Central Michigan, 5. Akron
6. Western Michigan, 7. Ball State, 8. Kent,
9. Eastern Michigan, 10. Ohio

The hottest team in the Mid-American Conference is Bowling Green, winner of the 1991 California Raisin Bowl and the '92 Las Vegas Bowl, and aspirant to only the third "three-peat" in the conference's 46-year history The Falcons are 21-3 over the past two years, but they lost four starters in the secondary, an outstanding passing combination in Erik White and Mark Szlachcic, and versatile fullback LeRoy Smith While Bowling Green expects some falloff, the Falcons still may have enough to survive a close race Toledo's program is thriving, but the Rockets also lost several key people And few expect Central Michigan to suffer through its second straight losing campaign

BOWLING GREEN

Ryan Henry threw only 18 passes in 1992, but he looms as the successor to Erik White His main target will be Ronnie Redd who had 32 catches and must step that up to succeed Mark Szlachcic, the top receiver in MAC history Zeb Jackson is set at tailback and Darius Card takes over for LeRoy Smith at fullback Tight end has depth with Brad Long, Ryan



MAURICE BULLS
Toledo

McElroy and Walter Regula and the offensive line is intact with Cal Bowers at center, Matt Foley and Norman Hammoud at guard, and Joe Wyse and Jason Peters at tackle

Coach Gary Blackney has just four starters back on defense and Bob Dudley, nose guard Clint Frazier, and linebackers Vince Falko and Akili Hutchinson Curtis Collins is counted upon to fill one spot in the line and the depleted secondary will be rebuilt around former tailback George Johnson, Darnell Staten, Steve Ayers, Steve Rodriguez, Steve Hartley, and Tom Pate Joe Barr was expected to return at strong safety after making seven interceptions in '92, but he suffered a back injury in the Las Vegas Bowl and elected not to risk further problems Bowling Green has a nine-game winning streak second only to Alabama's 23 straight

TOLEDO

First-round draft choice Dan Williams represents the biggest loss for the Rockets, who were 8-3 and tied for third in the MAC. Williams had 50 tackles for losses, including 28 sacks over three seasons. But Toledo keeps its other end Maurice Bills, who was a first-team all-MAC selection with 10 sacks last fall. Also back from the unit that led the conference in total defense are tackle Terry Jackson, who can bench press 500 pounds; and backs Al Baker, who had 87 tackles, tops among returnees, and four interceptions; and Chad Brown. Toledo must replace two of its three starting linebackers, including Darrell Mossburg in the middle. John Formentin is set at one of the outside spots.

Among seven returning starters on offense is Casey McBeth, who ran for 1,037 yards and 10 touchdowns and averaged 4.7 yards per carry. Reggie Walls is set again at fullback and Steve Ross at tight end and Tom Boyd is the flanker after catching 42 passes in 1992. Center Pete Stone, guard Charlie Webb, and



tackle Chadd Dehn still claim spots in the line. Quarterback Kevin Meger, who completed 33 of 52 passes for 305 yards in a 33-29 victory over Purdue, is gone after starting for four years. Tim Kubiak is the likely successor.

MIAMI

After back-to-back third-place finishes, the Redskins expect to make a strong run for the top. But replacing linebacker Curt McMillan, a Butkus Award semifinalist, and free safety Ron Carpenter will be major chores.

Coach Randy Walker is missing four starters on offense and five on defense, but he has plenty of experience in the offensive backfield. Neil Dougherty passed for 1,486 yards and Deland McCullough ran for 1,026 as a freshman, finishing with seven straight 100-yard games. Redshirt freshman Ty King and former all-MAC tailback Terry Carter will support McCullough. Carter was redshirted last year after an ankle injury. Lock Beachum and Robert Echols shared the fullback position and Jeremy Patterson had 31 catches after moving from tight end to wide receiver. The Redskins lost all-MAC tight end James Patton, his successor will be from among Brian Bessa, Kregg Creamer and Eric Beverly.

Former linebacker Chris Allen played defensive end most of last season, but he is set at tackle after making eight sacks and 11

tackles for losses. He'll team inside with Bill Atha, who had 42 tackles despite missing five games. The ends will be Jason Michelson and redshirt freshman Chris Rhodes. Even without McMillan, the linebackers are strong with Robert Blanton and Jason Phillips. David Thomas, David Wilson, and Harvey Kelley are veterans in the secondary.

MICHIGAN

The Chippewas (5-6) endured their first losing season since 1964, losing six games by a total of 21 points. However, the victories included one over Michigan State (24-20).

Veteran coach Herb Deromedis must replace seven starters on defense, including all four members of the line. Juniors Randy Danison, Chad Preston, and Dustin Preston will get their chances there. Mike Kyler and Bryant Satterlee are set at linebacker and the two safety spots are owned by Boris Martysz and Darrall Stinson. Chad Murphy, Ralph Wallace, Tim Banks and Gordon Matlangu will try to fill the vacated cornerbacks' positions.

Joe Youngblood, who threw for 2,209 yards and 18 touchdowns, is back at quarterback and Brian Pruitt and Eric Johnson provide depth at tailback. Tim Wojciechowski returns at full-



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back and Jeremy Dunlap and Chad Koetje are the tight ends. Terrance McMillan became a starting wide receiver in midseason after Bryan Tice was injured and he caught 43 passes, one short of the school record. D.J. Reid had 36 receptions. Matt Nastaly and Darrel McCaul are the only returnees in the line. Soph. Brock Gutierrez is the probable center with the other linemen likely to be Bryan Carpenter, Ray Kraatz and Carl Barth.

AKRON

The Zips' first season in the Mid-American produced a 7-3-1 record, including a 5-3 league slate that tied for third. Coach Gerry Faust can count on 17 returning starters as he shoots for a higher finish. Akron led the conference in rushing as quarterback Marcel Weems ran for seven touchdowns and 754 yards. Darren Gouch added 579 yards and fullback Peter Lien gained 323. Although the Zips threw fewer passes than nine other MAC teams, Weems completed 50 percent and Kenny Chapman had 36 receptions. But Faust will have to replace Lavern Bass, who caught 32 passes. The Zips' returning center Eric Agosti, guard Mike Lyons and tackle Matt Rose, along with 240-pound right end Brett Hrvnak.

Akron lost punter Daron Alcorn, who averaged a league-best 43.6 yards, and safeties Victor Green and Chris Owens, but cornerbacks Ted Draper and Wayne Wade return to the defense that ranked third in the league. The line still has Wayne Anderson, Eugene Phillips and 280-pound Chris Haskins. Linebackers Jeff Junko, Chad Lantz and Phil Dunn are other regulars back.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Seventh-year coach A. Molde will have to retool after a 7-3-1 season in which the Broncos finished second in the conference. Molde lost 15 starters, including 6-6, 335-pound offensive tackle Paul Hutchins, who was picked to play in the Blue-Gray and Hula Bowl games. Nine Broncos who made first- or second-team all-MAC are missing.

Only three starters return to a unit that led the MAC in total offense and passing. Junior Andrew Schorhaar is the logical successor to quarterback Brad Tayles, who threw for 2,462 yards in 1992, but he will be challenged by Jay McDonagh, Gary Morris and John Sharp. Sophomore Jim Vackaro ran for 893 yards while sharing time with Andre Wallace, now a flanker. Fullback Dave Madsen has moved to tailback. The only veteran wide receivers are Elan Banks and William Atwater, who will be pushed by Larry Johnson and Ryan Sylvester. Bronson Trebbi is set at tight end.

Western Michigan had the No. 2 defense in the MAC, but it lost seven starters. Linebacker Peter Tufo and free safety Steve Hawkins were 1-2 in tackles and Hawkins had 11 pass deflections. End Tony Tiefenbach and tackle Dion Powell are other starters in the fold.

BALL STATE

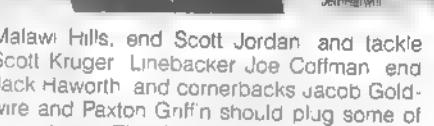
Fourth-year starter Mike Neu is the hub of an offense that keeps six starters. The 6-foot-5 Neu will set school records with 808 more passing yards and 26 more attempts. He

competed 57 percent in 1992 and has thrown for 4,123 yards in his career. He spread the work around, for the Cardinals had nine receivers with 10 or more catches led by returnee Brian Oliver's 37. Mike LeSure, who had 30 catches, is gone but Juan Gorman and Kyle Robinson will receive greater attention. Tackle Jose Munoz and guards Andy Berry and Lance Wildoner are back in the offensive line. Tony Nibbs inherits the tailback spot vacated by Corey Croom, who ran for 1,157 yards. Nibbs's 111 was second-best for the Cardinals, who finished 5-6 and 5-4 in the MAC.

Ninth-year coach Paul Schuder must rebuild a defense that lost seven starters, including six who lettered for four years. Returning regulars are backs Copatric Davis and



JOE YOUNGBLOOD
Central Michigan



Malawi Hills, end Scott Jordan and tackle Scott Kruger. Linebacker Joe Coffman and Jack Haworth and cornerbacks Jacob Goldwire and Paxton Griffen should plug some of those holes. The Cardinals yielded 62 points to Kansas and 38 to Bowling Green and lost three MAC games by a total of 16 points.

KENT

Five of Kent's first six games this fall are on the road. That's not all bad because one is in Hawaii and who wants to play home games against Hawaii. But after going 3-19 the past two seasons, third-year coach Pete Cordell knows that a good start is critical to building his team's confidence. Having a veteran team will help. Cornerback Kevin Harris is the only starter missing on defense and eight regulars

PHIL DUNN
Akron

Photo by Jeff Hanwell

are back on offense. A mere six-point loss to MAC champion Bowling Green late in the season also was a building block.

Kevin Shuman threw for 1,518 yards and was 28 of 53 for 371 yards against Bowling Green, the second-most productive game in school history. His targets include wideout Brian Dusho and tight end Steve Koproski. Fullback Troy Robinson had a 64-yard dash against Pittsburgh, scored seven touchdowns, and led the Golden Flashes in rushing. The line features three-year starter Ryan Creed who can play guard or tackle, and two-year regular Rodney West at guard.

Backs Brian Allen, who had a team-high 102 tackles, and Vance Benton head the defense. Allen had 20 tackles against Cincinnati two years ago and was in double figures four times last season. Benton broke up 12 passes last year. Juniors Morrey Norris, Sean Patterson, and Rich Yurkiewicz are linebackers.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The Eagles' only bright spot in a 1-10 season was a 7-6 victory over Ohio University in late October. Eastern Michigan was pounded 52-7 by Penn State, 57-17 by Army, and 41-0 by Toledo. Not unexpectedly, the Eagles were last in the conference in total defense and allowed 371 yards per game. Unfortunately, Eastern Michigan also was last in total offense and its 223-yard average was 52 yards per game fewer than the next-worst team's. First-year coach Ron Cooper will try to improve both areas with 16 returning starters.

Eight of those are on offense, where Matt Gillette, Tony Johnson, Kevin Beverly, and Ed Hickman return in the line. Ryan Wheatley is set at tight end and Craig Thompson is an experienced flanker. Fullback Mike Graff and tailback Stephen Whitfield will start but Eddie Nwagbaraocha and Mike Graff will see plenty of work. John Hignite and Kweisi Ramsey return at quarterback. Neither, however, threw for a high percentage. EMU keeps three starting linebackers in Mike Parkes, Reese McCaskill, and Kevin Tooson. Richard Palmer and Ron Rice return in the secondary and Walter Campbell anchors the line.

OHIO

Nine returning starters on defense and eight on offense will give the Bobcats a chance to improve on their 1-10 record. "I'm convinced we have bigger, better, and faster players than any time since I've been here," said fourth-year coach Tom Lichtenberg, "but we haven't yet converted that to points on the scoreboard and a winning record."

Ohio lost defensive end Jason Carthen and inside linebacker Scott Zele but has a letterman at every other position. Mario Daniel, a 295-pound nose guard, and Jimmy Bizzell, a 270-pound tackle, will stabilize the line. Marcus Gamblin, Tony Poole, Tim Noriel, and Damiso Johnson keep the secondary intact.

Running back Tim Curtis has 2,166 career yards but could be challenged by Lakarlos Townsend. Darren Reese is solid at offensive tackle and Courtney Burton and Chris Jenkins

are threats at wide receiver. Brian Jepson had 33 catches at tight end. Quarterback D.R. Robinson took over for the injured Tom Dubs in the third game and completed 64 of 127 passes. Dubs also is back and quarterback Sam Vink was brought in from junior college.

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The highlight of Middle Tennessee State's season probably will be its opener, a September 4 game in Honolulu against Hawaii that MTSU coach Boots Donnelly wisely used as a recruiting ploy. After that comes a more down-to-earth diet of Ohio Valley opponents, most of whom would prefer an open date. Middle Tennessee was the class of the OVC when it swept eight league games in 1992, including a 38-7 triumph over archrival Eastern Kentucky. The only regular season blemishes were a 48-7 loss at Nebraska and a 13-10 defeat at I-AA power Georgia Southern. The Blue Raiders bashed Morehead State, 70-0, beat Murray State, 66-6, and manhandled

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Austin Peay 49-10, in their biggest outbursts National champion Marshall eliminated Middle Tennessee from the playoffs in the second round. Donnelly lost 10 starters, including three offensive linemen, two defensive linemen and a fullback.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Fullback Walt Crowder not only averaged 7.2 yards a carry but caught 13 passes and was a solid blocker so coach Botts Donnelly is concerned about a void at the position. Boo Collins, who had but five carries, or junior college transfer Carlos Wyche loom as the successors. The Blue Raiders also lost tailback Walter Dunson who ran for 13 touchdowns, but they still have Brigham Lyons, who contributed 641 yards and 10 TDs. A major concern is the loss of offensive linemen Steve McAdoo, a I-AA All-America and Onesimus Leslie. "It always seems to take longer to develop the

nine sacks among his 15 tackles for losses. He'll get front-line support from tackles Daryle Wagner, Matt Chidress, Brendan Gregory, Shane Baikcom, and Shannon Arnett. Eastern Kentucky is switching to a 4-3 defense and starting end Carlos Timmons was moved to linebacker. Andrew Nettles, Neil Fittery, and Scott Faircloth will fill out the linebacking corps. The secondary has five veterans, led by free safety Joe Smith, Sean Little, Tim Cormey, Maurice Haynes and Shelton Walker also remain.

Fullback Carlo Stalings is among five starters back on offense, but tailback Markus Thomas and quarterback Joey Crenshaw will be major losses. Senior Mike Penman ran for 467 yards and should replace Thomas, who set multiple rushing records. Redshirt freshman Robert Bouldin and Eric Clay also are available at tailback. Junior Ron Jones is the leading candidate to replace Crenshaw, but

ton have experience and redshirt frosh Eric Rowe was moved there from running back.

Randy Bearman started every game at quarterback and was the Eagles' third-leading rusher while completing 55 percent of his throws. Tailback Willie Queen ran for six 100-yard games en route to a 1,228-yard season. Sophomore Mike Penix is a capable backup, but an experienced fullback is lacking pending Anthony Carano's development. Tech has sophomore receivers in Gerald Bentley, Steve Harris, and Brad Perry, and Scott Trent returns at tight end. The entire line is intact with Derrick Shepherd, Darrin Hill, Bubba Winter, Keith Baldwin, and Tracy Russell.

TENNESSEE STATE

Losing James Wade, who passed for more than 6,600 yards in his career, will be a big obstacle for the Tigers, who went 5-3 in the conference but just 5-6 overall. Tennessee State also lost its top three receivers: Charles Hunter, Patrick Robinson, and John Frierson. Darren Davis gained a school-record 839 yards rushing and fullbacks Chad McCullum and Marcus Moye return, as do offensive linemen Marshun Middleton, Royce McGowan, and Dan Price. Middleton is expected to be one of the top centers in the Ohio Valley.

Randy Fuller, who had six interceptions and 120 tackles, is among nine returning starters.



skills of a lineman than those of other positions," Donnelly said. Quarterback is solid with Kelly Holcomb, but he won't have Vince Parks or tight end Steve Dark, his two top receivers this time. Cory Simpson, Dennis Mimms, and Curt Watkins have experience.

Seven defensive starters return, led by linebackers Jabbar Troutman and Shingo Weems. They'll be supported by Anthony Hicks and Anthony Franklin. End Danny Lawrence will start for the third year and Sean Luckett is expected to step in for Mike Caldwell at the other end. Mike Jordan and Preston Sensabaugh are back in the interior line. Sophomore Eric McBroom led the Raiders with four interceptions and made 60 tackles.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Roy Kidd marks his 30th year as the Colonels coach while claiming 10 returning starters from a 9-3 team. Kidd's 239-84-8 record includes two Division I-AA championships and a record 13 playoff appearances.

The Colonel to watch this fall is 6-4, 270-pound defensive end Chad Bratzke who had

he threw only 31 passes in '92. Rudy Burney led the Colonels with a mere 17 catches. Jason Thomas, Dalled Burks, and Brent Canady add depth on the outside. A veteran line has guards John Combs and Loyd Baker, tackles Mike Gentry, center Cas Jesse, and tight end Chris Whitefield. Vanderbilt transfer Brent Rhoades will get a good look at tackle.

TENNESSEE TECH

The Golden Eagles enjoyed their best record in 15 years, posting a 7-4 mark all four losses were to Division I-AA playoff teams—on the heels of a 2-9 in 1991.

A developing defense that retains seven starters allowed a modest 294 yards a game. Linebacker Maurice Draime, who had 12 tackles for losses among his 90 stops, will anchor the unit and Troy Petersen further strengthens the linebacking corps. The line has three veterans: Shane Queen, Jason Hett, and Craig Long. Queen is the school leader in sacks and tackles for losses. There are holes to fill in the secondary, where Tony Eckler holds court but Avery Allen, Ron Barfield, and Maury Ea-



on defense. Cedric Davis and Brent Alexander lend experience to the secondary and Thomas Jackson, William Tucker, and George Copeland are veteran linebackers. Tackles Jerome Gardner and Robert Hillman provide strength in the line.

AUSTIN PEAY

Two years ago Roy Gregory took over a program that had lost 23 consecutive games. He has gone 8-14 since, including a 3-8 mark in 1992. But with eight starters returning on de-

fense and seven on offense, plus a healthy recruiting class. Gregory hopes the Governors can reach a higher level. Gregory's feat heightens when one considers his personal battle. He was diagnosed with cancer of the lymph nodes in 1991, yet he missed few practices, even while taking chemotherapy. Gregory now believes his health is such that he can concentrate more fully on coaching.

Austin Peay lacked depth on defense last season and the unit weakened as the season progressed. The Governors have lost star end Richard Darden but the front line still includes Mark Snead, Rod Crutchfield, Willie Little, and James Garrett. Calon Yeldon, Jeff Gooch, and Fred Waters head an experienced linebacking unit and Arthur King, Michael Swift, and James Loydd are set in the secondary.

David Stooksbury and Daniel Williams split time at quarterback and Jody Smith returns at fullback. Jamie Spicer and Samy Hilman are the most experienced running backs. Barry Wilson, Bob Dagley, and Scott McCormick are the wideouts. The offensive line features Sean Counihan and John Payne at guard, Vernon Lesser and William Cephus at tackle and Jeff Stec at center.

TENNESSEE MARTIN

The Pacers will play their first five games at home while looking to improve upon their 2-6 mark in the OVC and 3-8 overall debut in Division I-AA. The emphasis is on the running game. Coach Don McLeary's previous teams have been pass-oriented, but with a veteran offensive line of Trevor Hurst at center, J.B. Norment at tackle, and Jae Welch and Steve Meile at guard, he is hoping for more balance. Running back William Parson closed out his sophomore season with a 166-yard game, giving him a quiet 539 yards on the season.

Quarterback will be contested by senior Bubba Beasley, juco transfer Charles Gamble, and redshirt freshman Jason Griffin. Jim McKinney is the tight end and Charles Malone the most experienced wideout.

Strong safety Tab Vowell, coming back from a knee injury, anchors the secondary. Dewayne Harper is a two-year starter and O'Dale Satterfield is a versatile deep defender. Tim Wright moves from end to middle linebacker, where Steve Nichols saw duty. Tackle Anthony Bowles and ends Ryan Bulington and Chris Hines are back.

The Eagles, who were 3-8 (3-5 in the OVC), enjoyed a good recruiting year and hope to fill some holes with new players. Adam McCormack, who passed for 25 touchdowns and ran for nine more as a senior at Covington (KY) Catholic High, will be given a good look at quarterback. That position was shared last season by Jeremy Holbrook, who specialized in running the ball out of Morehead State's wishbone offense, and the now-departed Steve Donato, who was used primarily on passing downs. McCormack offers both dimensions, having passed for 2,130 yards and rushed for 525 as a prep senior. The Eagles lost Darrin Harns, whose 812 rushing yards topped the team, but keep Phil Dunn, who can play either fullback or running back and was Morehead's No. 2 rusher. Also back is junior tight end Jesse Olerson, a second-team all-OVC pick in 1991. Matt Venturino provides experience at wide receiver.

Coach Cole Proctor must fill some vacancies in both lines. He lost Richard Shadwick on defense and Tom Svobodny on offense. Tight end Brandon Ford decided to change schools. But J.R. Cook is set at offensive

guard and linebacker Jaime Phillips led the Eagles in tackles. Mike Duvall also returns at linebacker and Hector Diaz had two interceptions in the secondary.

WICHITA STATE

Former Arkansas assistant Houston Nutt takes over the Racers, who uncharacteristically went 2-9 and finished last in the OVC. He will greet 12 returning starters.

Senior Butch Mosby, who threw for four touchdowns in the spring game, will be instrumental in Nutt's rebuilding program. Junior Matt Hall should be his favorite receiver with Sheldon Smith and tight end Kris Minich also involved. Timmy Bland leads a deep tailback corps and David Cox returns at fullback. Sean Coleman is set at one tackle and Marcus Kimball starts at guard. Bill Christmas and Mike Gossett shared time at center a year ago.

Linebackers Fred Davis and Martin Diehl are solid and sophomore end Anthony Hutch is expected to make large strides after backing up Kevin Gibbs. Casey Duncan and David Leavell have the inside track at tackle and David Dodds and Jermaine Scott have experience in the secondary.



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

The Indians have an established runner in Kelvin "Earthquake" Anderson, who gained 1,371 yards, but they have few experienced players to block for him. Tackle Dave Stukenberg is the only returnee in the offensive line, although Jackie Purifoy played extensively at center. Antoine Esters will join Anderson in the backfield but quarterback Jason Liley will be missed. Shane Kennedy has odds on succeeding him and will have Aaron Layton, who caught 52 passes for 875 yards, as his primary receiver. Julius Jones and junior college transfer Lon Rosen could push Kennedy.

Southeast Missouri will switch to a 4-3 defense, but the only starters returning are tackle Doug Berg and cornerback Tim Felton. Contending for spots in the line are John Haggerty, Mark Munsell, Pierre Sparatt and Andy Furman. Albert Bateman, a former starter who was injured in 1992, also could contribute. Nate Questelle and Brian Morrison are inside linebackers with Donzell Barnes, Cliff Latimore, and Marvin Hamilton on the outside. Felton's teammates in the secondary will be chosen from Cedric Murphy, Dwayne Nelson, Mike Giles, Maurice Sanders, Marcus Dover and Steve Prozorowski.

SHANE QUEEN
Tennessee Tech



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ALABAMA

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Donnelly is also a veteran, winning a starting role after transferring from Vanderbilt.

Punter Bryne Diehl is back, along with place-kicker Michael Procter. The Tide's leading scorer (94 points)

Jackie Sherrill in two years has coached the Bulldogs to back-to-back seven-victory seasons for the first time since 1980-81 and to consecutive bowls for the first time in a decade. And he seems eager to follow his own tough act. Mississippi State returns nine regulars plus another 12 players who made at least one start during the season.

Leading the charge will be senior quarterback Greg Plump, who finished the year with a flourish, hitting 24 of 40 passes for 287 yards and a TD in the Peach Bowl. Plump will have some untested targets in new wide receivers Chris Jones and Bernard Euell, along with tight ends Kendell Watkins and Greg Jones. The five interior linemen are left tackle Melvin Hayes (6-6, 330), left guard Bill Sarlin, center Brian Anderson, right guard Shea Bell, and right tackle Jesse James (6-5, 307). Junior

GREG PLUMP
Mississippi State



Michael Davis is one of the league's top fullbacks. He has gained 909 yards on just 177 carries (5.1 average) and scored 10 touchdowns in his first two seasons. A knee injury may shelf tailback Kevin Bouie, who set a national junior college rushing record but hurt his knee in State's opener last season on his sixth carry. His backup is Karl Williamson.

Defensively, State must replace three of its four linebackers. Senior inside linebacker Juan Long started all 12 games last season and was second in tackles. The other inside candidate is Wesley Leasy, while Derrick Cagins and Lateef Travis may line up on the outside. Two regulars return in the secondary, strong safety Frankie Luster and free safety Kelvin Knight, with Walt Harris and Mike James at cornerback. Knight led for the team lead with four interceptions. Luster had three.

Senior Todd Jordan returns as the top punter (43.6) in the Southeastern Conference. Tom Burke has the edge at place-kicker.

ARKANSAS

New coach Danny Ford has 16 returning starters with which to start his rebuilding efforts. He planned to spend much of spring practice becoming acquainted with his personnel, starting with prospective quarterbacks Barry



including eight for loss and five quarterback sacks. Michael Rogers is the other returning linebacker. Newcomers are Andre Royal and Mario Morris. The secondary could be the team strength, with All America candidate Antonio Langham at one corner and potential all-conference Tommy Johnson at the other. Sam Shade is back at strong safety, where he recorded 60 tackles last fall. Free safety Chris

MISSISSIPPI

It seems the dimmer the outlook, the brighter the finish for Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer. Last season, Brewer, whose job just two years ago seemed in jeopardy, led the Rebels to a 9-3 record, and this season holds equal promise.

Mississippi's biggest concern centers around the quarterback. Among five departed offensive starters is Russ Shows, leaving sophomore Lawrence Adams as the only tested quarterback. But his experience is slight. Versatile Marvin Courtney will shift from fullback to tailback. Doug Innocent provides depth, while Renard Brown will step into the fullback slot. Germaine Kohn is back at flanker (29 catches for 377 yards and 3 TDs). He and wide receiver Eddie Small give the new quarterback two good targets. Small led the team in catches (39 for 558 yards). Chris Turner is a candidate at tight end. The line looks solid in center Darrell Moncus, guards Joel Jordan and James Holcombe, and tackles Burkes Brown and Clint Conlee.

Ole Miss returns six starters from the defensive unit that surrendered a total of 28 points in the last five games. Linebackers Cassius Ware and Dewayne Dotson are excellent, recording 92 and 100 tackles, respectively. a



MICHAEL DAVIS
Mississippi State

year ago. Also back is Abdul Jackson. The secondary is intact, with corners Tony Collier and Keith Campbell, free safety Michael Lowery, and strong safety Johnny Dixon. The line features nose guard Sean O'Malley, tackles David Harris and Brian Mays, and ends Deano Orr and Stacy Wilson.

The kicking game, a strength in the past, will see a new punter and place-kicker.

AUBURN

Pat Dye, one of the deans of the SEC coaching ranks, has been replaced by 37-year-old Terry Bowden, who hopes to oversee a reversal of fortune in the once mighty Auburn program. Bowden has 16 returning starters, including 10 on offense. The squad centers around quarterback Stan White, a senior who has started every game the past two seasons. His 5,830 total yards ranks him second on the Auburn career list. White has passed for 5,959 yards, just 325 behind all-time leader Pat Sullivan. His 27 career TD passes are second in

CHRIS ANDERSON
Alabama

season. Adding depth at tight end is Troy Kestner. Hoping to spice up the Razorbacks running game are tailbacks Oscar Malone, Marius Johnson, and Cordale Johnson and fullbacks Oscar Gray, Carlton Calvin, Jerry Pryor, and Chris Kirby. The line remains intact, guards Issac Davis and Ray Straschinske, center Earl Scott, and tackles Chris Oliver and Bryan Cornish. Arkansas redshirted six offensive linemen last season and they all get their shot this fall, along with junior college transfer Pat Baker (6-3, 300).

Defensive coordinator Joe Kines, who served as interim head coach last season, has experienced linebackers in Darwin Ireland, Tyrone Chatman, and Kevin Kempf. Orlando Watters and Dean Peevy are returning starters at the corners and Alfred Jackson at strong safety. Del Delco, who played backup last year, is ready to step up, and junior college transfer Carl Kidd could also make an impact. Henry Ford returns up front, and although they didn't start, Vernon Wade and Junior Soli gained experience. Junior college transfer Darius Cummings and Air Force transfer Marcus Adair will compete at end.

Lance Ellison is the only place-kicker on the team, and punter Doyle Preston missed spring practice to play baseball.

ANTHONY LANGHAM
Alabama

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Ken Gidley

Lunney Jr., Jason Allen, and Mike Cherry. Allen was the starter early last season and Lunney took over at midseason. Doyle Preston, another former QB, is working now strictly as a punter. Tracy Caldwell, Kotto Cotton, and Richard Yager are veteran receivers, but Ford is concerned about a lack of depth. All-SEC tight end Kirk Botkin is back, along with Carl Johnson, who was moved from defense last

the record book. Joining White in the backfield are junior tailback James Bostic, an all-SEC selection who finished fourth in the league in rushing (819 yards) and sixth in all-purpose yards, and fullback Tony Richardson. Familiar faces in the offensive line are tackle Wayne Gandy, guards Shannon Rourke and Anthony Redmon, and center Greg Thompson. Rounding out the offensive unit are tight end Andy Fuller and wide receivers Orlando Parker and Thomas Bailey. Parker led the team last fall with 30 catches for 438 yards and three touchdowns.

Defensively, the veteran Tigers are led by Willie Whitehead, right tackle Damon Primus, strong safety Chris Shellng, free safety Otis Mounds, and cornerbacks Fred Smith and Calvin Jackson. Smith, a junior, has started 22 consecutive games and last season was fourth on the team in tackles and had three interceptions. He also returned eight punts for 60 yards. Auburn needs some newcomers to step forward at linebacker. The leading candidates are Anthony Harris, Jason Miska, Mike Pelton, Carlos Thornton, and Terry Solomon.

Place-kicker Scott Etheridge and punter Terry Daniel are back. Etheridge led the SEC and tied second nationally for field goals per game, hitting 22 of 28 attempts, an Auburn record. He was 14th in the nation in scoring (86 points). Daniel averaged 42.6 yards, third-best in the league.

LOUISIANA STATE

The Tigers will be trying to reverse last season's 2-9 record with 10 returning starters in what is being billed as a critical year for coach Curley Hallman.

Much of the hope centers around young quarterback Jamie Howard, who was tossed into battle as a freshman last season and responded fairly well. He completed 101 of 200 passes for 1,349 yards and five touchdowns but was intercepted 13 times. Senior Chad Loup is also available. Another backfield starter is tailback Robert Davis, a sophomore who was part of LSU's youth movement last fall.

Davis, named to the SEC all-freshman team, collected 527 yards and two touchdowns on 123 carries. Split end Scott Ray (38 catches for 534 yards) and tight end Harold Bishop (17-177) are back. In the line, Kevin Mawae (6-4, 270) will be moved from tackle to center, joining returning veteran guard Ronnie Simnick. Developing the remainder of the line was one of LSU's top spring priorities.

The young defense needs to mature in a hurry with only four returning starters, two of whom will line up at new positions. Ricardo Washington has been moved from inside to outside linebacker and Ivory Hildard from free to strong safety. The other returning starters are tackle Nate Miller and sophomore outside linebacker James Gillyard.

EASTERN DIVISION

Florida's No. 1 priority this fall is easy to see: Find a replacement for record-breaking quarterback Shane Matthews, who virtually rewrote the Gator record books during his career. The leading candidate is junior Terry Dean, who saw limited action last season. The rest of the Gator offense returns intact, and all eyes will be on senior running back Erric Rhett, whose 2,874 yards rank third on the all-

time Florida rushing chart. He also has 117 career catches, the most of any back in school history. Senior fullback Kevin Randolph started seven games. The Gators return one of the SEC's top receivers in senior Willie Jackson. He led the league in catches (62) and TD catches (8) last season. Florida has some other top hands in Harrison Houston, Aubrey Hill, and Jack Jackson and features a pair of good tight ends in Greg Keller and Charlie Dean. The line is big and experienced guards Jim Watson and Dean Golden, tackles Reggie Green and Jason Odom, and center David Swain.

On defense, Florida returns six starters, including three solid linebackers. Ed Robinson, Ben Hanks, and Dexter Daniels. Robinson had 121 tackles last year, second on the team. The top line prospects include Kevin Carter and promising sophomores Johnnie Church, Mark Campbell, and David Barnard. Larry Kennedy, who ranked fifth in tackles, is the only returning starter in the secondary. Shayne Edge is back at punter, where he was one of the nation's finest last fall (43.3).

THE VOLUNTEERS
The Vols launch the season with a new coach, Phillip Fulmer, and potentially the finest quarterback in the conference, Heath Shuler. A 6-3, 212-pound junior, Shuler is one of seven returning offensive starters. He won the starting job last season after seeing limited action as a freshman backup and lost no time in establishing himself as one of the nation's pre-



mier quarterbacks as he led UT to a 9-3 record a Hall of Fame Bow victory, and a No. 12 final national ranking. In the process he passed for 1,724 yards and ran for 286. He had only four interceptions in 224 throws, or one per 56 attempts. Shuler is backed up by junior Jerry Colquitt and Todd Heron, a red-shirt freshman who rejected a San Diego Padres baseball contract to remain in college.

Shuler lost some of his favorite targets to graduation, with Cory Fleming (40 catches) and Ronald Davis heading the thin list of returnees. Tight end David Horn caught nine passes last year and was a dependable blocker. Three solid performers return at tailback: Charlie Garner (928 yards), James "Little Man" Stewart and Aaron Hayden. Mario Brunson is back at fullback, where he carried 32 times last fall and gained notice as a blocker. The line will depend on help from

GEORGIA

The Bulldogs are coming off their best season in a decade (10-2 and ranked No. 8 nationally), but coach Ray Goff has some major gaps to fill this fall. He lost tailback Garrison Hearst and wide receiver Andre Hastings to the NFL and several other key members of last year's squad. But he returns 11 starters, including All-American candidate Eric Zeier, a junior quarterback who last year ranked first in the SEC and sixth nationally in passing. The 6-2, 200-pound Zeier has set consecutive school records for passing yards (2,248 in 1992). His 57 percent completion rate is another Georgia

record. Behind Zeier the Bulldogs set a school standard for total offense (4,954 yards). Zeier underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in the offseason but appeared completely recovered in the spring game.

The offensive line is anchored by All-American tackle Bernard Williams (6-9, 310). The other tackle position will be manned by Paul Taylor, while the guards could be Steve Roberts and Troy Stark. Center is between David Weeks and Scott Brownholtz. Shannon Mitchell will be a four-year starter at tight end. With 20 catches last year, he was the third-leading receiver. At wide receiver Brian Bohannon re-



newcomers, with guards Bubba Miller and Jeff Smith the only returning starters.

On defense six starters are back, led by senior end James Wilson. Other regulars are linebackers George Kidd, Reggie Ingram and Ben Tally, free safety Jason Parker, and left cornerback DeRon Jenkins. Quincy Prigmore could earn a job at strong safety.

The kicking game appears solid. Punter Tom Hutton averaged 41.4 yards per kick last year, while place-kicker John Beckvoort connected on 16 of 23 field goals and has not missed an extra point in two seasons.

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turns along with Hason Graham, whose 19.5-yard average per catch was the best on the team. Terrell Davis, who was Hearst's backup had a 7.3-yard average on 53 runs. Frank Harvey will step in at fullback.

On defense, Georgia faces a major rebuilding job in the line where junior college transfer Matt Storn will be counted on to make an immediate impact. Also in the picture are Travis Jones, a converted inside linebacker Jeff Kaiser, who was all-freshman last year; Deshay McKeever, who played in nine games; and Phillip Daniels, who saw action last year as an outside linebacker. All three starting outside linebackers are back. Mitch Davis, who led the team with eight sacks, Carol Butler, and

Maurice Harrell. The inside linebacker corps will be built around leading tackler Randal Godfrey, Charlie Clemons, and Damon Ward. All-SEC free safety Greg Tremble, who led the team with three interceptions and was the third-leading tackler, is the only returning starter in the secondary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Several South Carolina players sought the resignation of coach Sparky Woods in the midst of an 0-5 start last season, but Woods stood firm and managed to direct his team to five victories in its last six games. The Gamecocks return 17 starters as they try to carry that momentum into this fall.

One of the more dynamic players in the league figures to be sophomore quarterback Steve Taneyhill, who burst onto the scene in the second half of the season and led the second-half rally. Taneyhill (6-5, 205) threw for 1,272 yards and seven touchdowns, including a 296-yard, two-touchdown performance in a season-ending upset of Clemson. His top targets will be wide receivers Toby Cates and Asim Penny and tight end Mathew Campbell. Brandon Bennett gives the Gamecocks a solid running back, having rushed for 646 yards and six TDs last fall. Rob DeBoer had 540 yards rushing and 95 receiving and Mike Reddick had 16 catches for 202 yards. Only two starters return in the line guard Vincent Dinkins and tackle Corey Loucheay. Darryl Carter is a candidate at center.

On defense, Ernest Dixon and Lawrence Mitchell are back at outside linebacker, joining ins de linebackers Eric Brown and Hank Campbell. Both ends return, Eric Sullivan and David Turnipseed, but the Gamecocks must replace their nose guard. The secondary retained three starters: cornerback Frank Adams, strong safety Tony Watkins, and free safety Norman Greene.

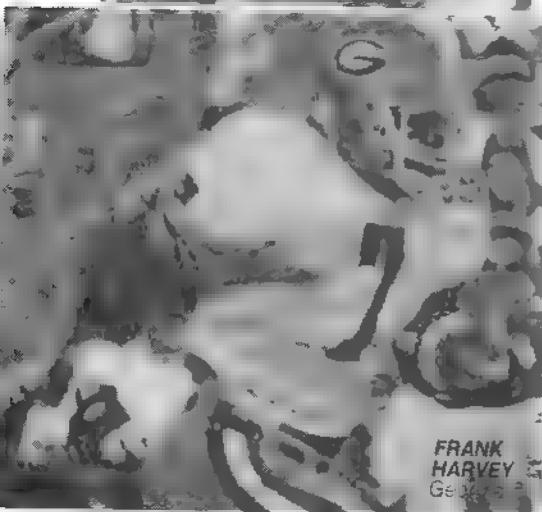
KENTUCKY

Coach Bill Curry, 11-22 in his first three years in the Bluegrass, is hoping for a major about-face this season with 13 returning starters. Leading the offense is junior quarterback Pookie Jones, who broke the UK total offense record last fall with 1,729 yards. Also returning to the backfield are junior tailback Damon Hood, who moves to fullback, replacing senior Terry Samuels, who shifts to tight end. Senior wingback Matt Riazi averaged 8.1 yards per carry. Senior Tim Calvert will return at flanker (16

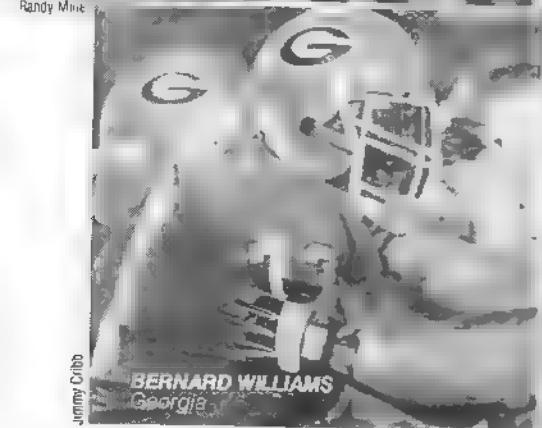


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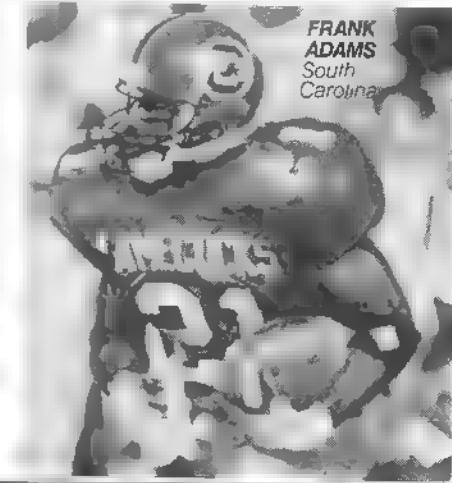
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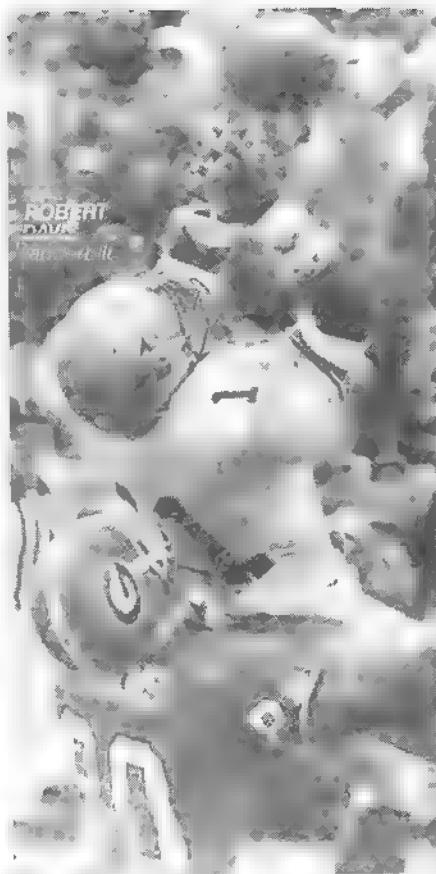
catches for 330 yards). The other returning offensive starter is junior tackle Mark Askin. Other line candidates are tackle Chris Page (6-7, 310), center Wesley Jackson, and guards Barry Rich and Barry Jones. Corey Reeves is a contender for tight end.

Senior Marty Moore figures to be one of the league's top linebackers. The 6-1, 239-pounder last year led not only UK but the entire SEC in tackles, with 148. Another returning linebacker is junior Duce Williams. Both tackles return juniors Robert Stinson and Damon Betz. Junior Zane Beehn is back at end and

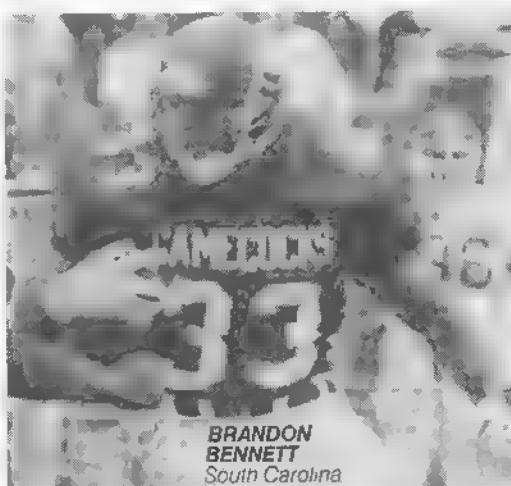
seniors Adrian Sherwood and Don Robinson are veteran cornerbacks. Sophomore Devin Johnson will get a shot at free safety and junior Marcus Jenkins is strong safety.

VANDY

Vandy returns 16 starters as it attempts to snap an 11-year losing streak. Coach Gerry DiNardo, heading into his third campaign, is most concerned with settling on a starting quarterback to run his complicated I-bone offense. Fifth-year senior Marcus Wilson graduated, leaving sophomore Kenny Simon as the



only experienced quarterback on the squad—not counting defensive back Jeff Brothers, a former quarterback who was switched to defense last season and made a All-SEC at free safety. Redshirt freshmen Cedric Douglas and Ronnie Gordon are also contending for



the job. The remainder of the backfield is set, with senior tailback Tony Jackson (652 yards) big sophomore fullback Royce Love (280), and junior wingback Eric Lewis (189). The line returns intact: Owen Neil, Ryan Bell, Richard Saenz, Mark Mikesell and Eric Dahlberg. The Commodores must find new players at tight end and split end positions depleted by graduation and career-ending injuries.

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Linebacker Shelton Quarles and corner back Robert Davis, high school teammates represent two of the SEC's top seniors. They anchor a unit that has improved dramatically under defensive coordinator Carl Reese's three-year reshaping. Rico Francis joins Quarles at outside linebacker, where the latter last season led the team with 106 tackles. Francis added 70 at inside linebacker. Brad Brown is a veteran starter and Gerald Collins returns to the other slot after missing last season with illness. In the line, sophomore James Manley will get a chance to play nose guard with Alan Young and John DeWitt at tackle. In the secondary Brothers gives the team an all-conference performer at free safety. He also led the SEC in punt returns. Davis, who led the team in interceptions the last two seasons, is joined at cornerback by newcomer Byron King. Aaron Smith is back at strong safety.



EDDIE THOMPSON
Western Kentucky

Independents

Predictions

Independents

- 1 Louisville, 2 Southern Mississippi,
- 3 Memphis State, 4 Tulane, 5 Troy State,
- 6 Samford, 7 Central Florida,
- 8 Western Kentucky, 9 Alabama-Birmingham

Louisville

The Cardinals will try to ride the momentum of last year's finish into a quick start, a bowl bid, and a top 25 ranking this fall. Coach Howard Schnellenberger has a stockpile of returning talent as he tries to build on last year's 5-6 record. Sixteen of 22 starters return to a team that won four of its last six games. The last time Louisville started a year with this much experience and optimism, it finished 10-1-1 in 1990 with a 34-7 Fiesta Bowl victory over Alabama. Louisville's schedule won't make a bowl bid easy this time, with challenges at home against Arizona State and Texas and back-to-back road games against Tennessee and Texas A&M.

It helps that senior quarterback Jeff Brohm is among the returnees. He completed 155 of 297 passes for 2,008 yards and nine touchdowns and 12 interceptions a year ago. Schnellenberger believes he can blossom into something special. "He came of age in the second half last year," Schnellenberger said. "He gives us three dimensions at quarterback with his skills as a passer, his speed as a runner, and his escapability to make something big out of nothing. He's a proven quarterback who could become exceptional." Offensively, Brohm gets help from senior half back Raigh Dawkins, the Cardinals' MVP in 1991, and junior Anthony Shelman, the team's leading rusher last fall with 410 yards on 70 carries. Senior guard Dave Debolt was voted the outstanding lineman by the coaches last year and leads a promising offensive front.

Defensively, senior tackle Jim Hanna returns after leading the line in tackles in '92. Senior middle linebacker Ben Sumpter is also back and junior Anthony Bridges and senior Kevin Gaines are reunited in the secondary.

Southern Miss

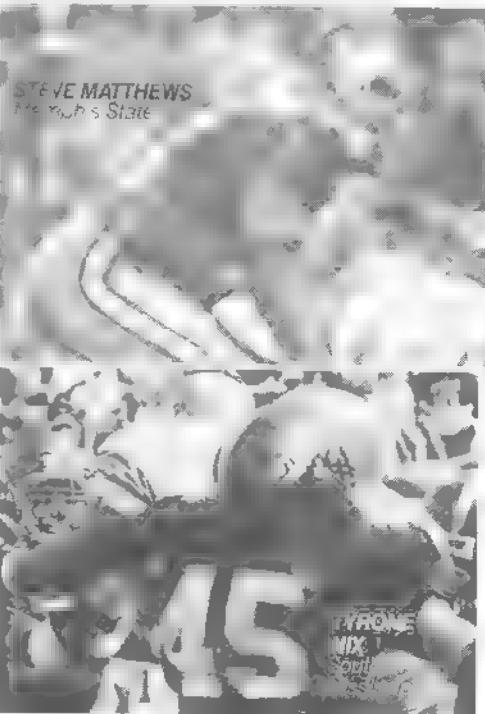
The Golden Eagles won four of their final five games last fall and optimism is high with nearly their entire defense back. Coach Jeff Bower will try to improve upon a 7-4 record and win the bowl bid that eluded Southern Miss a year ago with a defense that won't be easily budged. Nineteen of 22 players on the depth chart return, led by senior end Bobby Hamilton, junior tackle Michael Tobias, senior linebacker Tyrone Nix, and senior cornerback Perry Carter. Good in man-to-man coverages, Carter was an offensive threat on defense where he returned a school-record three interceptions for touchdowns a year ago. Hamilton is a relentless pass rusher, recording a team-high six sacks. Nix was the team's top tackler and Tobias was disruptive inside. Bower hopes that all that returning talent will make for a better run defense. The Golden Eagles allowed 4.4 yards per carry in '92.

Offensively, junior Tommy Waters is one of six returning starters. He completed 110 of 212 passes for 1,159 yards with six TDs and

seven interceptions. "He did a lot of things in pressure situations to win games," Bower said. "He will be a better player just because of experience and work habits." Senior tackle Todd Beeching (6-8, 310) is the team's largest player. He's also one of its best. Senior Anthony Owens is among the nation's better blocking tight ends. "Our biggest concern offensively is team speed," Bower said. He will also need the line and quality receivers to emerge if it intends to be competitive with a schedule stacked with tough road games: Auburn on September 25, Georgia on October 9, and Alabama on October 30.

Tennessee

The Tigers will try to rally early around a record-breaking quarterback. Senior Steve Matthews, a junior college transfer and one-time backup at Tennessee, smashed Memphis State's passing records last year en route to a 6-5 season. Matthews, a 6-foot-4 left-hander, became the first passer in school history to throw for more than 2,000 yards. He is one of six starters returning to an offense expected to be even more pass-oriented. Back to help Matthews is the tailback tandem of seniors Larry Porter and John Martin. Porter led the Tigers in rushing for the third straight season, running for 732 yards on 140 carries. Seniors Jeff King, Stevie Williams, and Tony Sempore are back on the offensive line. Matthews, however, needs to find a replacement for receiver



Russell Copeland, who declared as a junior for the NFL draft. Memphis State's best player just might be senior Joe Allison, who won the inaugural Lou Groza Award as the nation's best kicker. He made 23 of 25 field goals, including seven of eight from 40 or more yards and two of two from midfield.

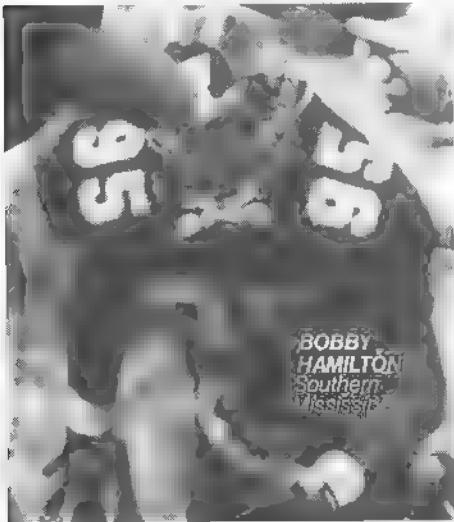
The Tigers played so spottedly a year ago that they finished third nationally in total defense, allowing 253 yards per game. That will be difficult to match with only three starters back. Still, senior linebacker Darlon Barto a Butkus Award nominee, returns with his

sledgehammer-type hits. End Rod Brown, cornerback Dominic Calloway, and free safety Jeremy Williams, all seniors, also are back.

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The Green Wave has almost everybody back from a forgettable 2-9 season. Eighteen returning starters hope to make the program's centennial season memorable.

The star of the offense is senior receiver WI Ursin, an All-American candidate who led Tulane with 55 catches for 755 yards and four touchdowns. He had 70 catches as a sophomore and is second on the school's career list with 138. He needs 100 to break the record held by Marc Zeno. Ursin's role will depend on



how well a pair of new quarterbacks can get the ball to him. Junior college transfer Craig Randall and sophomore Tracey Watts are locked in a tight race for the No. 1 role. Last year's starter, senior Billy Duncan, is there if needed as a backup. Starting tailback Joey Perry, a junior, returns after rushing for 429 yards and four touchdowns a year ago. Senior center Mitch Tinsley is the top lineman.

The defense features junior free safety Mike Staid, who has led the team in tackles the last two seasons. The problem is, he's being asked to make too many tackles. Senior Wilbert Gilmore, moved from safety last year, played well as an undersized linebacker.

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The Trojans showed they were more than ready to make the leap to Division I-AA this fall by going 10-1 last season. After years of so much success in Division II—the Trojans won national titles in 1984 and '87—they turned up for I-AA competition by going 7-1 against I-AA teams on their 1992 schedule. Coach Larry Blakeney's team wasn't eligible for the I-AA playoffs while completing a two-year compliance period, but the Trojans proved playoff-poised by closing out their schedule with back-to-back shutouts of AA teams Georgia Southern and Nicholls State.

Quarterback Kelvin Simmons is one of six returning starters on offense. He's a junior and an All-American candidate who led the Trojans in rushing (694 yards and 7 touchdowns) and passing (1,076 yards with 9 TDs). Defensively, Troy State would have led Division I-AA in fewest points allowed (10.7 per game) had it had been eligible for the rankings. Only five

regulars are back, including two All-America candidates on a line that should head another strong unit. Tackles Sherman James, a junior, and Antwoine Clark, a senior, could be among the nation's best. The schedule will be trying with the first four games on the road.

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SAMFORD
Former pro football coach Chan Gailey was hired to keep the Bulldogs on their steady playoff climb. Samford was 21-5 with back-to-back Division I-AA playoff berths the last two seasons under coach Terry Bowden. Now that Bowden's off to rebuild Auburn, Gailey's back in the college game for the first time in 10 years. The former head coach of the World Football League's Birmingham Fire and offensive coordinator of the NFL's Denver Broncos welcomes back 15 starters.

Significant holes must be filled before Gailey's new, one-back pro-style passing offense is ready to soar. Quarterback Ben Wiggins,

Darrin Hinshaw, one of 18 returning starters, threw for 2,505 yards and 24 touchdowns as a sophomore. His top receiver is junior David Rhodes, who made 51 catches for 1,002 yards and five touchdowns last fall. Sophomore Gerod Davis impressed with 1,154 yards rushing. Senior running back Willie English also returns after sustaining a season-ending knee injury in the '92 opener. Senior guard Buster Mills and junior center Mike Gruttadauria are the line's top players. Defensive junior Gregg Jefferson and sophomore Emil Ekiyor lead the way on the line.

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WESTERN KENTUCKY
Senior Eddie Thompson knows how to put on a show. He returns to the Hilltoppers as one of the nation's best all-around quarterbacks. Though he saw limited action in the first half of the season, he finished as the top I-AA rushing quarterback with 93 yards per game. His 309 yards against Southern Illinois was an



who threw for more than 5,000 yards over the past two seasons, passed up his final year of eligibility after earning his degree. Running back Tank Edwards graduated after rushing for 1,270 yards last fall. Redshirt freshman Bart Yancey had the edge on sophomore Scott Thompson at quarterback in spring drills. Junior Damian Hines (61-352-5) and senior Lee Ellis (44-268-4) compete to replace Edwards. Senior tackle Vince Noblitt is an all-star candidate.

The defense, switching from the 4-3 to a 3-4 under Gailey, should be Samford's strength. Senior tackle Kenny Jones and senior cornerback Marcus Durgin are All-American candidates and among eight returning starters. Durgin also led the nation in kick returns (33.4-yard average) and had five interceptions.

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TROY STATE
The Knights are dreaming of the day they will slay giants in Division I-A. They plan to make the jump to I-A in 1996, but the business at hand is making the I-AA playoffs after missing out last year with a 6-4 record. Quarterback

NCAA record for a quarterback. Thompson didn't start the first five games, only one of which Western Kentucky won. With Thompson earning the job in the second half, the Hilltoppers were 4-2. Coach Jack Harbaugh's team will look to build on that strong finish with junior tackle Danny Davis, senior end Ben Mooney, and sophomore safety Dan McGrath back to lead the defense.

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THE BLAZERS
The Blazers take the big step up to Division I-AA after going 7-3 in their final season in Division III. They'll find out just how big when they face Troy State, up from Division II, in their opening game. Coach Jim Hoyer returns tackle Josh Evans, linebacker Wayne White, and end Rodney Foster, his three leading tacklers a year ago. John Whitcomb, who passed for 1,377 yards while sharing quarterback duties with Chris Bradford last fall, has the job to himself this year. Pat Green, who rushed for a team-high 661 yards, returns, as does Cedric Buchanan, who caught 13 passes and averaged 13.1 yards per punt return.



TOMMIE FRAZIER
Nebraska

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NEBRASKA

(9-3, 6-1) The Cornhuskers are uncommonly thin at quarterback and tailback, but they have envied starters at those positions. Tommie Frazier is expected to blossom into a star after becoming the first freshman to start at quarterback in Tom Osborne's 20-year regime. Frazier became the starter in the sixth game and passed for 10 touchdowns with only one interception, and averaged five yards per carry while scoring seven times.

Calvin Jones led the conference in rushing with 1,210 yards, averaged eight yards per carry and had 15 touchdowns to win his second straight scoring championship. He did this while sharing time with Derek Brown, who passed up his senior year in favor of the NFL.

Jones and Frazier are complemented by the Big Eight's best pair of offensive tackles, Zach Wiegert (310) and Lance Lundberg (300), a dynamite tight end in Gerald Armstrong, who scored on seven of his eight receptions, split end Corey Dixon (155), the most valuable Nebraska player in the Orange

predictions

big eight conference

- 1 Nebraska, 2 Colorado, 3 Kansas,
- 4 Oklahoma, 5 Oklahoma State, 6 Missouri,
- 7 Iowa State, 8 Kansas State

Bowl loss to Florida State, wingback Abdul Muhammad (160), who is unproven but thought to have fascinating potential, and a representative fullback, Cory Schlesinger (220). Other projected starters in the offensive line are guards Rob Zatechka (315) and Brenden Star (300) and center Ken Mehl (270).

The defense has only one standout outside linebacker Trev Alberts. But Osborne expects improvement because free safety Troy Dumas, strong safety Toby Wright, and corner backs Barron Miles and Kareem Moss supply needed speed in the secondary. Three of them will join holdover cornerback John Reece in the starting lineup. Outside linebackers Donia Jones, tackles Billy Wade and Kevin Ramaekers, and alternating nose guards Terry Connealy and David Noonan are expected to complete the defensive lineup.



COREY DIXON
Nebraska

Byron Bennett, second in kick scoring a year ago when his 71 points included seven field goals in 10 attempts, is expected to add the punting chores

COLORADO

(9-2-1 5-1-1) Other than a blowout loss to Nebraska, the Buffaloes kept opposing defenses on the ropes with the most prolific passing attack in Big Eight history. Quarterback Kordell Stewart led the conference with a 60 percent completion record and 12 touchdowns. Wideout Michael Westbrook led with 76 receptions and eight touchdowns and fellow flanker Charles Johnson led in reception yards (1,149). Westbrook, with 1,060 yards and Johnson were only the fourth pair of receivers from the same team to compile such figures, as the Buffs ranked sixth nationally in passing and averaged 297 yards per game. Westbrook, Johnson, and Stewart return with Christian Fauria who led Big Eight tight ends with 31 receptions, to suggest the Buffs will be more dangerous in their second year with an offense they had to learn from scratch.

Coach Bill McCartney has three backup quarterbacks who could start for some of his rivals: Koy Detmer who is scheduled to be



redshirted, Vance Joseph, impressive two years ago in a series of comeback victories, and Duke Tobin. The key to dethroning Nebraska is an awakening of the running game. The Buffs fell to seventh in the Big Eight and 100th nationally in rushing. Sophomore tailback Rashaan Salaam is the new hope, but he has to beat out James Hill and Lamont Warren, who was highly regarded before becoming injury-prone. Another key is the improvement of an offensive line that was handicapped last year by inexperience. Four starters return: center Bryan Stoltenberg (280), guards Chad Hammond (275) and Clint Moore (295) and tackle Derek West (295).

The defense will be rebuilt around the all-conference pair of outside linebacker Ron

Woofork and cornerback Chris Hudson, the latter of whom was moved from free safety likely to start in the line are tackles Brian Dyet and Shannon Clavelle and nose guard Jeff Brunner, unless he is moved to offense because of bad knees. In such an event, Darrell Holland will start. Other defensive regulars expected to join linebacker Ted Johnson are Jon Knutson, safeties Greg Lindsey and Dwayne Davis, and cornerback Dennis Collier.

Mitch Berger was second nationally in punting (47.0) and kicked a 53-yard field goal at the gun to tie Oklahoma. Back-to-back non-conference games with Stanford and Miami should indicate if the Buffs are ready to dethrone Nebraska.



KANSAS

(8-4, 4-3) Coach Glen Mason thinks the Jayhawks possess improved ability at running back and receiver and more depth in the lines than a year ago, when they won their first bowl game (Aloha) in 31 years. But their prospect of improving is clouded by the unproven ability of quarterback Fredrick Thomas, the successor to all-conference Chip Hileary. Thomas was unimpressive when Hileary was injured in an upset loss to Missouri. But he is faster and has a stronger arm than Hileary and inspired confidence with his play in spring practice. He faces a taxing debut. Kan-

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sas plays Florida State in the Kickoff Classic. Thomas will be surrounded by some of the Big Eight's best players tight end Dwayne Chandler guards John Jones (285) and Hessley Hempstead (287) and center Dan Schmidt (275). Two players who did not start last year tailback George White and wideout Rod Harris excite Mason.

Seven starters return on defense. Chris Maumanga (290) is perhaps the Big Eight's best tackle in a lean year at his position. Free safety Kwamie Lassiter was all-Big Eight first team last season. Other returnees are end Guy Howard, linebackers Don Davis and Larry Thiel and cornerbacks Gerald McBurrows and Robert Vaughn.

Dan Echollo ranks among the nation's best all-purpose kickers. He booted 16 of 20 field goals averaged 40.6 yards punting, and was second in conference scoring with 86 points.

**OKLAHOMA**

(5-4-2, 3-2-2) The Sooners' poorest season since 1965 was marked by the collapse of their trademark running game. They skidded to 49th on the national rushing charts they once led, averaged only 3.9 yards per carry, and their top three backs totaled only eight touchdowns. Coach Gary Gibbs hired Watson

MICHAEL WESTBROOK
Colorado

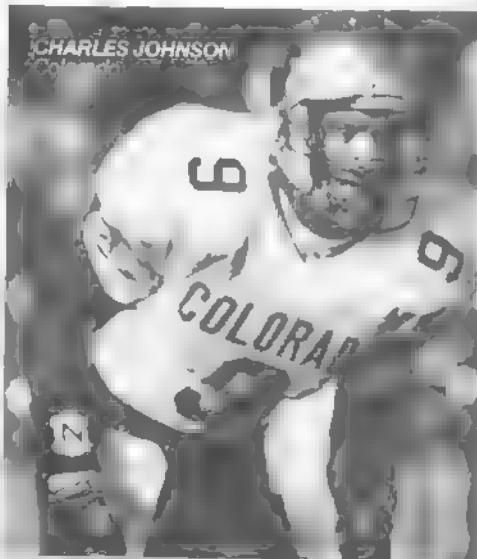


Brown, the former head coach at Cincinnati, Rice, and Vanderbilt, to return respectability to the ground attack. Brown juked the one-back set, resurrected the option (on a limited basis) and installed a multiple scheme that is intended to complement the passing of quarterback Cale Gundy.

But the primary reason the Sooners should run better is an infusion of new talent. Tailbacks Jeff Frazier and Michael Thompson pushed holdover Earnest Williams to the third unit. Incoming freshman James Allen, rated

the nation's top schoolboy running back by many recruiters, could make an impact. Dwayne Chandler, another highly regarded sophomore, and Terry Collier, a converted linebacker, bring improved ability to fullback Gundy has first-class receivers in wideouts Corey Warren, Albert Hall, PJ Mills, and Juan Penny and tight end Rickey Brady. An offensive line that bled from inexperience is expected to improve with the return of four starters, three of whom could be dislodged by the arrival of tackles Ben Caylor (287), from defense and Joe Carollo (280), from junior college, and sophomore center Chuck Langston.

Defensively, the Sooners remain thin and starless. Linebackers Mike Coats and Aubrey Beavers are the only established regulars. But every position is manned by players who have started, albeit briefly in most cases. Nose



Mark D. Brode

guard Joe Corneia is a key Tackles Russel Allen and Cedric Jones, linebackers Tremayne Green and Brent DeQuasie, cornerbacks Darius Johnson and William Shankle, and strong safety John Anderson are projected for the first unit along with free safety Wendell Davis, a juco transfer.

Scott Branton, who led Big Eight kickers by hitting 16 of 18 field goals, will not have to punt if highly recruited freshman Tim Daughtry is as good as advertised.

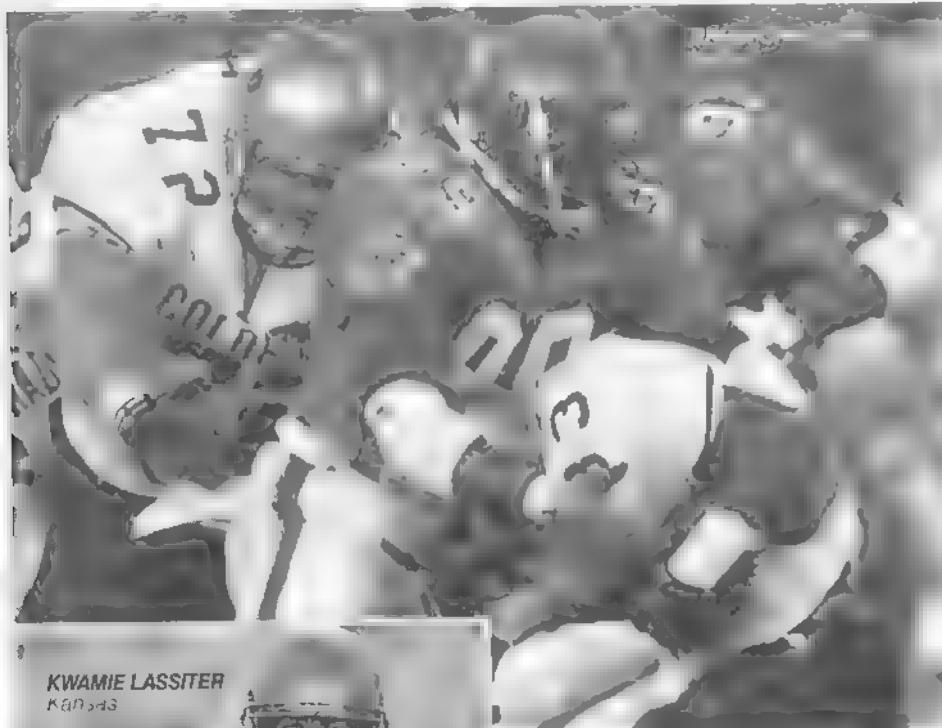


KWAMIE LASSITER
Kansas

OKLAHOMA STATE

(4-6-1, 2-4-1) The Cowboys were shut out three times, scored only six rushing touchdowns (33 fewer than Barry Sanders's total in 1988), and ranked in the bottom 20 nationally in every offensive category. But Pat Jones was selected Coach of the Year after making mid-season changes that led to an upset tie with Oklahoma and a surprising fifth-place finish. The Cowboys had been picked for last place. The three principals in the second-half surge—quarterback Gary Porter, wingback Rafael Denson, who moved from tailback after being billed as the next Sanders, and wideout Shannon Culver—are among the 11 returning starters. Elevating the offensive line, which returns intact, and tailback John White to the level of the wideouts is needed if the Cowboys are to climb higher.

There is less experience on defense, but the Cowboys have a star in linebacker Keith Burns, the league's Newcomer of the Year; a near star in end Jason Gildon, who is three sacks shy of the school record, and two big-play performers in linebacker Richie Ansley and free safety Scott Harmon. But the basis of Jones's optimism about the defense is the speed of juco backs Delvin Myles (180) and Cleavon Williams (178).



KWAMIE LASSITER
Kansas

MISSOURI

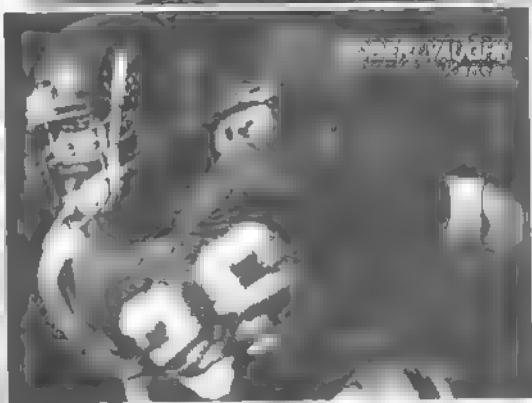
(3-8, 2-5) Coach Bob Stull secured his job when the Tigers closed with victories over Kansas and Kansas State. This followed close losses to Oklahoma State and Colorado and a competitive effort against Nebraska. Quarterback Jeff Handy and wideout Kenny Holly were third in passing (2,436 yards) and receiving (60 for 663 yards) and return along with all-conference guard Mike Bedosky (288). But the remainder of the offense must be rebuilt. As usual, the Tigers find themselves in need of a running game. They ranked 106th nationally in rushing last year.

when they averaged only 91 yards per game. They will try to improve with the same tailback, Joe Freeman, who ran for 360 yards.

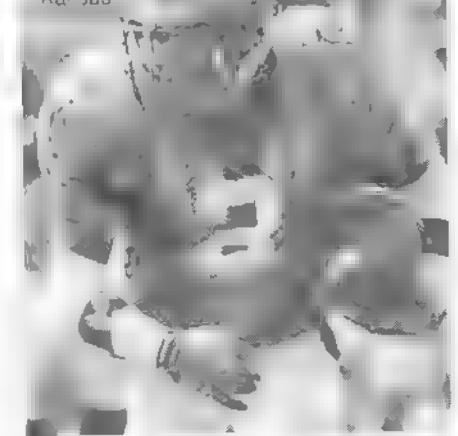
Their biggest need, though, is on defense, where they were by far the weakest team in the conference. Stull contends that the unit will be sharply improved because of more quickness up front. Ends Rick Lyle and Earl Brooks, moved from linebacker and juco linebacker Chris Singletary inspired Stull. But the secondary is the slowest in the league.



JAMES
Colorado



GEORGE
WHITE
Kansas



WYOMING

(4-7, 2-5) At a time when Oklahoma and Colorado said good-bye to the triple option, coach Jim Walden made it the basic offense for the Cyclones. A stunning upset of Nebraska was the only notable accomplishment, but Walden thinks a second season in the novel scheme will make the Cyclones better than they were a year ago. Eight offensive starters return, led by quarterback Bob Utter and the fastest group of running backs in Walden's seven years. Halfbacks Lamont Hill, Artis Garnes, and Calvin Branch will battle for the two spots beside Hussein Warmack, one of the league's better fullbacks. Tackles Doug Skartvedt (308) leads an experienced offensive line.

The defense returns only four starters, but Troy Petersen and Todd Miller might be the best pair of tackles in the Big Eight. Strong safety Kevin Fulton and linebacker Marcus Allen are other returning starters. James McMillion was No. 2 nationally in punt returns (18.9 average) and scored three touchdowns.

KANSAS STATE

(6-5, 2-5) The Wildcats lost most of their defense and return most of their offense. Coach Bill Snyder wishes it were reversed. K-State ranked 104th nationally and last in the Big Eight in total offense and lost its only effective weapon in running back Eric Galion. Spring practice left Snyder pessimistic as reflected by quarterback Jason Smargasso, who ranked last in passing among Big Eight starters being listed behind Chad May, a transfer

from Cal Fulerton. Center Quentin Neujahr and wideout Andrew Coleman are the best of nine returning starters on offense.

Despite the loss of seven starters on defense, Snyder expects the sound hard-nosed play of recent years to continue. Free safety Jaime Mendez, who led the Big Eight with seven interceptions, end John Butler, and cornerbacks Kitt Rawlings and Thomas Randolph are returning regulars.

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TULSA

(4-7) The Hurricane will be hard pressed to improve its record against a schedule that includes road games with Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Houston. But coach Dave Rader expects his offense to be better because of experience. Back is quarterback Gus Frerotte, who rallied from a horrid stretch of inter-

ceptions (five were returned for touchdowns) and displayed considerable promise. Also returning is wideout Chris Penn, who was sidelined by academics last year after an outstanding season for the 1991 Freedom Bowl.



champions Gary Brown has big-play ability at wideout Tailback Lamont Head rushed for 827 yards a year ago. The concern is in the offense's line, where tackle Jay McDaniel is the only established player.

The defense will be bolstered if tackle Cory Lax and free safety Dennis Hickey recover from injuries. The linebacker corps was depleted but the secondary returns strong safety James Blake and cornerbacks Mike Haenszel and Garrick Jackson.

gateway conference

predictions

gateway conference

1. Northern Iowa, 2. Western Illinois,
3. Southwest Missouri State,
4. Eastern Illinois, 5. Illinois State,
6. Indiana State, 7. Southern Illinois

The Gateway Conference returns nearly two-thirds of its starting players from last season, which ought to make the championship race confusing and competitive. "This year I don't see a team that clearly has the best talent," Western Illinois coach Randy Ball said. "Last year, let's face it, Northern Iowa was loaded. But this time everybody has experienced players back."

Northern Iowa is favored to win its fourth straight conference championship, but the Panthers are anything but a lock. Experienced players will help the nine-year-old Gateway deal with its demanding nonconference schedule. Ten Division I-A opponents lurk along with I-AA playoff qualifiers McNeese State, Samford and national runner-up Youngstown State. The second week will be especially tough when Indiana State visits Minnesota, Southwest Missouri State visits Oklahoma State, Northern Iowa travels to Wyoming, and Illinois State is at Ball State.

The Gateway put two teams into the I-AA playoffs for three consecutive seasons until last year, when only Northern Iowa advanced. But the returning talent makes it likely the conference will again double up in the playoffs.

NORTHERN IOWA

(12-2, 5-1) The Panthers have come within one victory of the I-AA national championship game three times. With 14 starters returning from last season's national semifinal team, this could be the year they take the final step. The Panthers, who also reached the semifinals in 1985 and '87, graduated several high-impact players from a squad that lost to eventual national runner-up Youngstown State, 19-7. Gone are three-year starting quarterback Jay Johnson, All-America all-purpose pick Kenny Shedd, leading rusher Tank Corner, leading receiver Chris Nuss, and leading tacklers Peter Burns and William Freeney, the two-time Gateway Defensive Player of the Year.

Fifth-year coach Terry Allen returns 14 starters plus all-conference punter Tim Mosley who is also the leading returning receiver, and All-America place-kicker Scott Obermeier. The entire offensive line is back, led by all-conference tackle John Herrin. Halfback Ed Threatt is the top returning rusher (647 yards). Three-year backup Kurt Warner will get his chance at quarterback. Defensively, three all-conference performers return: lineman Casey Smith and the safety tandem of Jason McCleary and Joseph Wallace. Iowa transfer Brad Remmert will help replace Freeney and Burns at linebacker.



WESTERN ILLINOIS

(7-4, 4-2) Watch out for these guys. Not only do 15 starters return from a team that finished No. 20 in the final I-AA poll, but the Leathernecks signed 15 juco transfers and four other players with college experience.

Some of the best athletes in the conference play defense for Western. All-America back Rodney Harrison and 1991 first-team Sports Network linebacker Ken McMillan are among nine returning starters. McMillan, the team

tackle leader the past two seasons, was determined by the conference to have a third year of eligibility.

Coach Randy Ball must rebuild an offense that led the GC in passing. Gone is quarterback Don Simmons and the conference's two reception leaders, Steve Decker (58 catches) and Demaris Johnson (55). Four starters return in the line, led by guard Richard Huddleston. And the team's top two rushers are back: Kendall McDonald (688 yards) and Tim Ardis (418). Rory Lee, a transfer from Wisconsin, adds depth. Quarterback Rob St. Sauver is expected to transfer from Minnesota, where he came off the bench to earn Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors in a 28-13 victory against Iowa. Senior place-kicker Matt Serman ranks fourth on the school's all-time scoring list (126 points). Punter/kickoff specialist Ross Schulte was No. 7 nationally.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

(6-5, 4-2) The Bears used an opportunistic offense and a swarming defense to start 4-0 in conference play last season, but they dropped from contention with losses at Indiana State and Northern Iowa. Fifteen starters return for another run at the championship under coach Jesse Branch. They'll be joined by eight transfers on what could be Southwest Missouri's best team since the co-championship squad of 1990.

The Bears averaged 276 yards rushing last year fifth-best in I-AA. Three-fourths of their backfield returns. Halfback Anthony Pegues is the most versatile threat. He ran for 498 yards and seven TDs, caught 14 passes for 247 yards and returned 17 kickoffs (24.5 average). The leading returning rusher is quarterback Cleveland Antoine (521), but SWSU ranked last in conference passing yards per game (87.7), so Antoine will be pushed for starting time by Ken Whittaker and transfer Kyle Geler. Offensive tackle Will LaClear, who earned second-team all-conference honors as a freshman, leads a contingent of four returning linemen. The secondary figures to be the strength of the defense with four returning starters, including all-conference cornerback Adrienne Smith and safety Shumone Burnett. Outside linebacker Cameron Flemming is the leading returning tackler.



EASTERN ILLINOIS

(5-6, 2-4) Coach Bob Spoo wants to pick up where the Panthers left off. They won their final two games including a 21-15 decision over then-No. 1 and undefeated Northern Iowa. Fourteen returning starters will try to bring home the first winning record since 1989 when Eastern Illinois reached the second round of the national playoffs.

The Panthers are led by the conference's top returning quarterback, senior Jeff Thorne, who passed for 1,944 yards. Balancing the attack will be running backs Bill Korosec (571 yards and 11 TDs) and Chris Hicks, who will run behind three returning linemen. Three players stand out on a unit that ranked No. 2 in the conference in total defense: first-team all-GC cornerback Ray McElroy, second-team linebacker Shavez Hawkins, and linebacker Tim Carver, who became the first freshman to lead Eastern in tackles. Kicker Steve Largent is coming off a freshman season in which he converted 31 of 32 PATs and nine of 13 field goals, including a 53-yarder, the second longest in team history.

ILLINOIS STATE

(5-6, 2-4) The Redbirds seem poised to post a winning record for the first time since 1985. They've finished 5-6 for four consecutive seasons, but 16 returning starters and several key transfers have raised everyone's expectations. The Redbirds did lose one very important player, Toby Davis, who finished his career as the Gateway's all-time leading rusher (3,702 yards) and touchdown scorer (39). Head coach Jim Heacock shook up the offense by hiring Chuck Dickerson, formerly an assistant with the Buffalo Bills, as his coordinator. He probably will use a lot of one-back, three-receiver formations.

Running back Keith Goodnight is the leading returning rusher (352 yards). Ohio State transfer Will Hill will make an impact. Tackle Elbert Betts leads an experienced offensive line. Dan Barnett stepped in at quarterback last season and led ISU to victories in three of its last four games. He'll throw to a talented but thin corps of receivers. Wayne State transfer Kevin Dixson looks like a big-play flanker. Nine starters return on defense, most notably first-team all-GC tackle Clint Cullen, who made nearly one-third of his stops behind the line. Chris Stevens returns to linebacker, where he earned second-team honors as a freshman. The secondary is young, but there is considerable starting experience, including honorable-mention all-GC Franky West.

INDIANA STATE

(4-7, 2-4) The Sycamores haven't had a winning season since 1984. Could this be the year? The odds seem long when you consider road games at Air Force, Minnesota, and Youngstown State. But 14-year coach Dennis Raetz returns the key elements from an offense that set school records for points, touchdowns, and total offense per game. The Sycamores ranked No. 2 in the conference in total offense. Rookie tailback sensation David Wright led the nation in all-purpose yardage (2,014), a I-AA record for freshmen. The second-team All-America rushed for 1,313 yards and 10 TDs and led the Gateway in kickoff

returns. Third-year quarterback Kip Hennelly is back, along with his top receivers, Scott Crenshaw and Demetrius Dowler. Guard Shawn Moore is among four linemen with starting experience. Tight end Kirk Christensen might move to center.

Now comes the more difficult part of the puzzle defense. The Sycamores ranked last in the conference in total defense and sixth in scoring defense. Six starters are back. Wisconsin transfer Dustin Rusch will pump up the line. Team-leading tackler Matt Egloff and Mike Nelson return at inside linebacker. Honorable-mention all-GC Von Ganaway is back full-time at free safety after starting seven games at tailback a year ago. Indiana State will have to replace record-setting punter/place-kicker Steve Kneiger.

(4-7, 2-4) The good news last year was that Southern ranked No. 2 in the conference in scoring offense with 31.8 points per game. The bad news is the Salukis yielded a conference-worst 37.1 ppg. Ten starters return for coach Bob Smith, but many key players are gone. Among the Salukis lost to graduation were quarterback Scott Gabbert, who threw for 2,463 yards and 22 TDs; wide receiver Justin Roebuck, who ranked third among conference receivers with 46 catches for 645 yards, and running backs Anthony Perry (1,023 yards) and Yonel Jourdain (790). Two receivers are back: Billy Swain (45-593) and LaVance Banks (29-683). Running back Greg Brown returns after an injury-hampered season. Other top returnees include all-GC guard

pioneer league

predictions

pioneer league

- 1 Butler, 2 Dayton, 3 Drake,
- 4 Evansville, 5 San Diego, 6 Valparaiso

DAYTON

The Bulldogs, who have made three Division II playoff appearances in the last 10 years, will make the jump to Division I-AA as a member of the newly formed Pioneer League. Tops among the 36 returning lettermen from last year's 8-2 club are senior linebacker and leading tackler Dave Kathman and versatile running back Richard Johnson. Kathman will be reunited with tackle Dan Mangeot and end Elgin Reese (14 sacks). Dave Elson (55 tackles) anchors the secondary. Johnson is a capable rusher (60-298-4) and receiver (17-150-1). Quarterback Jason Stahl passed for 1,487 yards and nine TDs, and his primary targets, wide receivers Eric Voss and Jon Hill, who combined for over 1,000 yards, also return. The offensive line features guard Tim Rossell and center Todd Shaffer. Senior punter Ron White holds four school records.

DAYTON

Dayton returns 11 starters from last year's 10-1 squad, but coach Mike Kelly must find replacements at key positions on both sides of the ball. The Flyers' Most Valuable Player, quarterback Steve Keller, has graduated and three players are battling for his spot: senior John Daniels and juniors Tony Ernst and Brian



Jason Jakovich and defensive back Clint Smothers, who led the team with 100 tackles. Transfer Calvin Mays will bolster the defense at cornerback.

The Salukis open the season at home against Division II Washburn (KS) but then hit the road for four consecutive games, including I-A opponents Toledo, Arkansas State and Northern Illinois.

Kadel. The running game is set with fullback Pat Hofacre, who scored 13 touchdowns, and tailback Judd Mintz, who averaged 6.8 yards per carry. Guard Jeff Mathot anchors the line. Six starters are back from the unit that led the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 6.7 points per game. Middle guard Robert Christy will be missed, but senior linemates Bob Coode and Steve Lochow are solid. Lineback-

ers Brendan Hill and Martin Loncar combined for over 120 tackles. Free safety Dan Thobe is the leading returning tackler (78) and finished second with three interceptions. Place-kicker Tim Duvic connected on 48 of 51 PATs and seven of nine field goals and Jason Brower averaged 37.2 yards per punt.

DRAKE
Fifth-year coach Rob Ash has reason to smile after compiling a 7-2-1 record in 1992. Drake's best season ever as a Division III Independent. The Bulldogs set or tied 35 school records and closed out the season with a 17-7 victory over Evansville in which the defense allowed a season-low minus-10 yards rushing. Returning to that unit are tackles Charlie Partridge and Todd Sauer, linebacker Matt Garvis, cornerback Brad Nemecek, and end Craig Ortwerth, who led the team with 11



ROB RAYL
Valparaiso

sacks. Quarterbacks Jamey DeAngelo and Roy Fletcher will battle for the starting role, DeShaun Diggs and Chad Briley are back as their targets. Matt Conlan and Cortez Hull return at tailback with Mike Stanfel at fullback.

EVANSVILLE

With only just six seniors, second-year coach Robin Cooper managed to orchestrate a 7-2 record, one of the most successful seasons in school history. This year, with the jump from Division III to I-AA and the loss of quarterback Chad Hohne, Cooper will try for an encore. The Aces return sound performers on both sides of the ball, the best of whom are linebacker Jerry Meade and tight end Hanz Hoag Meade, the catalyst of a defense that allowed just 14.1 points per game, had two interceptions and made 116 tackles, which included three sacks and 10 tackles for loss. With 119 receptions after just two seasons, Hoag needs just 38 to break the school record. The Aces began last season by winning their first six games, but they may have trouble repeating that feat. They entertain Dayton on October 9, followed a week later by San Diego. Those two contests should determine Evansville's fortune in the Pioneer League.

SAN DIEGO

The Toreros finished at 7-2-1 last fall, marking the program's fourth consecutive seven-victory season. Coach Brian Fogarty has 12 starters returning, but with the jump to Division I-AA from III, a fifth winning record will be chal-

lenging. Junior Vince Moiso replaces quarterback Michael Bennett and John Lambert steps in at fullback for the departed Scott Sporrer. Tight end Scott Steingrebe caught 27 passes for 504 yards and six TDs. He'll rejoin guards Victor Cruz and Kevin Barres and center Matt Zeller on the line. The entire defensive line and most of the secondary has to be replaced, but linebackers Tim Lynch (90 tackles) and Marcus Carter (66) as well as safety Randy Rivera and comer Scott Buccola return. Punter Robert Ray was tops in Division III with a 42.3 average.

VALPARAISO

The Crusaders return a veteran outfit as they make the transition to Division I-AA, and quarterback Bob Rayl will again lead the charge. He completed 124 of 279 passes for 1,513 yards and five touchdowns, but he has to cut down on his 16 interceptions. Fullback Trevor Bell averaged 4.3 yards per carry and sophomore Ozzie Young is back after sitting out last season. Their production will be determined by a veteran line that includes senior guards Bryan Buck and Brad Weaver, junior John Lyon, and senior tight end John Unger. Linebacker Scott Petrucci had 140 tackles to lead the Crusaders for the second straight year. VU's top pass rusher, John Palyok, and tackle Todd Elder came on strong last fall. The secondary returns safety Shane Snider and corner Chris Stringer. Place-kicker Gil Gutierrez returns after sitting out last season as a medical redshirt.

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Division II National Preview

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No matter what happens during the 1993 football season, Division II is guaranteed a new national champion. Jacksonville State is making the transition on to D-II's on I-AA and will not be back to defend its title, won in the closing seconds over 1991 champion Pittsburg State. The Gamecocks had played in three of the last four Division II championship games. With them headed toward bigger things, it's anybody's guess who will wind up at Bray Stadium in Florence, AL, playing for the Division II crown in December.

One thing is certain. The usual cast of characters will be in the hunt for the championship, as well as a bunch of newcomers from the NAIA ranks. And nobody seems sure just how the influx of those NAIA teams will affect the status quo among the perennial Division II

Top 25

1 Pittsburgh State	14 Gardner Webb
2 New Haven	15 Valdosta State
3 North Dakota State	16 Grand Valley State
4 North Alabama	17 Angelo State
5 East Texas State	18 Fort Hays State
6 Portland State	19 Hillsdale
7 Texas A&I	20 Mankato State
8 Western State	21 Northeast Missouri
9 Ferris State	22 Fort Valley State
10 Edinboro	23 North Dakota
11 Hampton	24 Norfolk State
12 Indiana	25 Emporia State
13 Northern Colorado	

powerhouses.

Rocky Hager, North Dakota State's veteran coach, hopes they're not as tough as former NAIA power Pittsburg State which has played in the last two national championship games and shows no signs of slowing down.

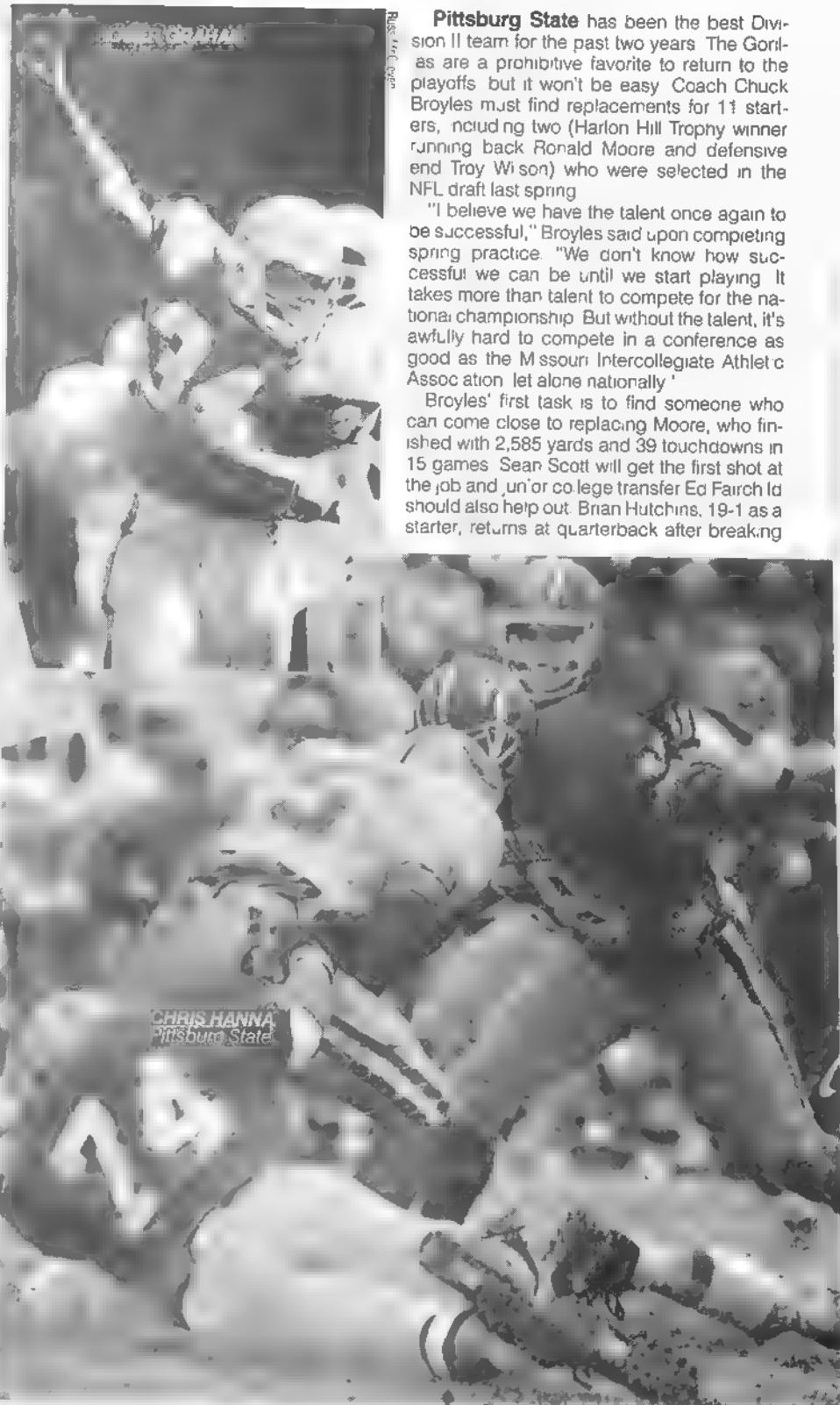
"I don't know if Division II has been weakened by the defections, but it has been depleted," Hager said. "The NAIA teams are an unknown. If they're all like Pittsburg State, then we're in trouble. But Pitt State is a unique situation. They have a solid commitment to the football program. And there's more population within 50 miles of their campus than in all of North Dakota."

Among the new additions to Division II are the entire South Atlantic Conference and a pair of Arkansas schools, Central Arkansas and Henderson State, which will begin play in the always tough Gulf South Conference. Even though the NAIA schools are virtual unknowns, the fact remains that most teams will be chasing Pittsburg State, North Dakota State, New Haven, and North Alabama to get to the championship game. Some things, it seems, never change.

Pittsburg State has been the best Division II team for the past two years. The Gorillas are a prohibitive favorite to return to the playoffs, but it won't be easy. Coach Chuck Broyles must find replacements for 11 starters, including two (Harlon Hill Trophy winner running back Ronald Moore and defensive end Troy Wilson) who were selected in the NFL draft last spring.

"I believe we have the talent once again to be successful," Broyles said upon completing spring practice. "We don't know how successful we can be until we start playing. It takes more than talent to compete for the national championship. But without the talent, it's awfully hard to compete in a conference as good as the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, let alone nationally."

Broyles' first task is to find someone who can come close to replacing Moore, who finished with 2,585 yards and 39 touchdowns in 15 games. Sean Scott will get the first shot at the job and junior college transfer Ed Fairchild should also help out. Brian Hutchins, 19-1 as a starter, returns at quarterback after breaking



the school record for total offense in 1992

"We may not have a star player like a Ronnie West or a Ronald Moore," said Broyles "but I don't think there is as big a drop-off in talent between our starters and our No. 2 players as in the past. We have some players who are capable of achieving stardom, but I think this team is as solid overall at this point as we've ever been."

How good is Pitt State? Broyles and the rest of the country should get an idea on September 4 when the Gorillas visit the Fargodome to take on North Dakota State. That will be a rematch of last year's classic quarterfinal playoff game in which the Gorillas squeaked out a 38-37 overtime victory.

New Haven came from out of nowhere to within 11 points of playing for the national championship in 1992. The Chargers made a mockery of opposing defenses on the way to a 12-1 record, averaging 587.7 yards and 50.7 points per game. Only a 46-35 loss to Jacksonville State in the semifinals kept the Chargers from playing for the title. A year later, they seem ready to make another run for the top. Most of last year's team returns, including the outstanding tailback tandem of Roger Graham (1,717 yards, 22 TDs) and A.J. Livingston (898-17). Defensively, all but one starter is back. But there are some big holes for coach Mark Whipple to fill. Quarterback Ken Suhl, a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, is gone after passing for 26 touchdowns and 2,336 yards. Tackle Scott Emmert and guard Brian Houston must be replaced in order to give new quarterback James Weir time to find his targets. Tony Willis had 51 catches for 1,030 yards and 10 touchdowns. Max Joyner-Brown caught only eight passes in the regular season, but three went for scores. In three playoff

games, four of his 11 catches went for TDs. At times, New Haven gave up a lot of points (three teams scored 45 or more), but it did win a few defensive struggles, including 19-15 over Edinboro in the opening round of the playoffs. Cornerback George Byrd led the team with 88 tackles while linebacker Chris Lunz recorded 8½ sacks.

North Dakota State was an inch short of playing for yet another Division II championship when a two-point conversion was stopped by Pittsburg State in the semifinals. With the core of last year's 10-2 team back the Bison will be the team to beat in the North Central Conference. Quarterback Arden Beachy is back to run Hager's powerful option offense, and he'll be behind a line that returns intact, including All-America guard Kevin Bloom. Wide receiver T.R. McDonald, an All-America candidate, caught 33 passes, an unusually high number for this offense.



BRIAN HUTCHINS
Pittsburg State

punter John Crittenden. Wallace is confident the Lions can advance even further in the playoffs. "This is basically the same team that lined up against Jacksonville State and lost by missing a field goal at the end," he said. "We're expecting a lot."

East Texas coach Eddie Vowell is confident his team can compete for the Lone Star title and perhaps even a national championship. Among the 15 returning starters from last year's 8-3 squad are All-America kicker Billy Watkins and running back Michael Hightower, each of whom scored 78 points. Watkins is poised to break the Division II career records for kicking points, PATs, and kicking points per game. Hightower was the go-to guy for East Texas, scoring 13 touchdowns. Combined with second-team all-LSC quarterback Clint Doezel, the offense appears to be in good shape. Defensively, East Texas must replace the entire secondary from a unit that led Division II. Linebacker Fred Woods (14 sacks) is back for his senior season.

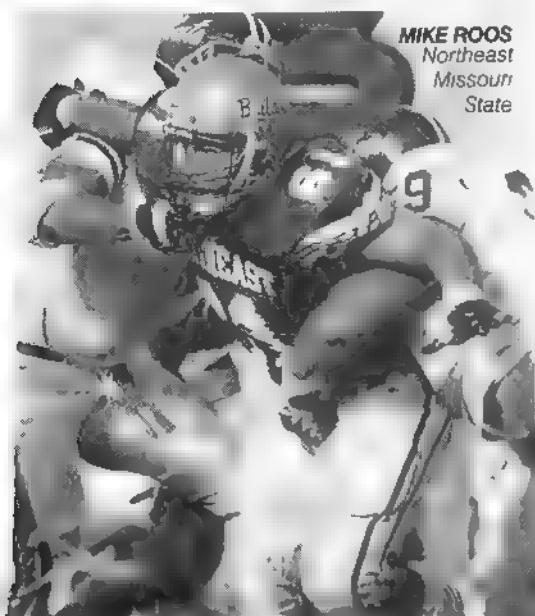
Portland State should make it back into the playoffs if it can survive a grueling schedule. The Vikings, like New Haven, narrowly missed playing in the championship game in 1992, dropping a 41-38 decision to Pittsburg State in the semifinals. But the schedule that greets new coach Tim Walsh includes playoff participants Texas A&M and North Alabama, former NAIA powerhouse Central Arkansas, and Big Sky Conference members Idaho



MICHAEL MANN
Indiana

North Alabama made the playoffs for the second time in four years under Bobby Wallace and nearly derailed Jacksonville's championship express, losing 14-12 in the second round. With 14 starters back, including the Gulf South Conference's top offensive player tailback Tyrone Rush (1,364 yards and 6 TDs), the Lions should be one of the favorites to play for the championship on their home field. Rush, who finished sixth in the Hill Trophy balloting, combines with fullback Brian Satterfield (935, 8) to form the most devastating 1-2 backfield punch in the GSC. Six other offensive starters are back, including five linemen. The top freshman in the league, linebacker Ronald McKinnon (148 tackles), leads a group of six returning defenders. But the Lions must find replacements for All-America safety Harvey Summerhill and all-conference

State and Eastern Washington. Walsh (27-14 at Sonoma State) replaces the popular Pokey Allen and promises to keep the ball flying. "We'd like to throw 35-40 times and run 25-30 times," he said. Bill Matos took over at quarterback late in the season for Harlon Hill Trophy contender John Charles and hardly missed a beat. In four starts, Matos threw 16 touchdown passes and was intercepted just three times. PSU's defense has always been overshadowed by Allen's offensive genius, but Walsh would like to see that change. In six



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of the last seven games in '92, the Vikings yielded 26 or more points. "We'd like to play defense as well as we play offense," he said. With seven starters back, the Vikings should be better defensively.

Even though there are some holes to fill, **Texas A&I** always seems to find its way into the playoffs. The Javelinas went 9-3 and have half their starters back to pursue another Lone Star Conference title. The best is defensive back Anthony Phillips (6-3 220), an All-America candidate who averaged 5.9 tackles per game. Tailback Dexter Deese was the team's No. 2 rusher and will be called on more frequently with the departure of Martin Patton.

Western State has only 10 starters back but should again be the team to beat in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The Mountaineers are coming off a 9-2 campaign and have plenty of speed at the receiver positions in their high-powered passing offense. Tyrone Johnson, who set a Div. II record in '91 for yards per catch (32.5), is a good target for quarterback Tim Thenell, who started three games in '92. Eric Karr, a 240-pound fullback also is a threat out of the backfield.

Ferris State became the first Midwestern Intercollegiate Football Conference team to win a playoff game in 1992, stopping Edinboro in the first round before losing to New Haven. The Bulldogs did most of their damage with the nation's best scoring defense (10.5 points per game), which led to a school-record 10 victories. They should be strong again with a trio of all-league players returning. Senior tackles Jim Lenz and Ed Philion share the school record with 20 sacks each.

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

OB Billy Matos	SR	Portland State
RB Shannon Burnell	SR	North Dakota
RB Roger Graham, JR.	SR	New Haven
RB Tyrone Rush	SR	North Alabama
WR Tony Willis	SR	New Haven
WR Tyrone Johnson	SR	Western State
TE Tim Brown	SR	Clemson
C Bob Kronenberg	SR	S. St. Cloud State
G Kevin Bloom	SR	North Dakota State
G Emerson Martin	SR	Hampton
T Matt Daiverry	SR	Indiana
T Mike Kegans	SR	Edinboro
PK Billy Watkins	SR	East Texas State

DEFENSE

DL Dlane Hicks	SR	East Texas State
DL Mike Roos	SR	Northeast Missouri
DL Bill Royce	SR	Ashland
DL Gabe Wilkins	SR	Gardner-Webb
LB John Mobley, JR.	SR	Kutztown
LB Christopher Thomas	SR	Tuskegee
LB Lee Woodall	SR	West Chester
LB Jason Perkins	SR	Edinboro
DB Joseph Best	SR	Fort Valley State
DB Hardie Farr	SR	Grand Valley State
DB Anthony Phillips	SR	Texas A&I
DB Keith Swenney	SR	Springfield
P Gary Lhotsky	SR	Edinboro

Strong safety Rich Eash has 10 career interceptions. Sophomore place-kicker Jason Upke had 16 field goals last year.

Edinboro coach Tom Holman expects his 1993 squad to be as good if not better than the 1992 playoff team. The Scots have eight starters back from a defense that limited the opposition to 11.9 points and 257.4 yards per game. Eight regulars return on offense as well, including All-America tackle Mike Kegans (6-7, 305), whose main job is to open holes for fellow All-America Larry Jackson, the junior tailback who finished fifth nationally in scoring (114 points on 19 TDs) and 17th in rushing (1,218 yards).

Hampton had a good first year under coach Joe Taylor, going 9-2-1 and reaching the playoffs. But the Pirates lost six players and 36 touchdowns from that squad. Quarterback Matt Montgomery, who threw for 2,000 yards and 25 TDs, is the top offensive player. He will have to have a big year to get Hampton back to the playoffs. Senior end Chris Williams (13 sacks) headlines the defense.

Northern Colorado slipped to 6-5 after reaching the playoffs in 1990 and '91, but three of their losses were by a touchdown or less. With 15 starters back and the return of running back Gaynor Blackmon (1,027 yards and 13 TDs in '91), a medical redshirt last fall, the Bears will be looking for a return trip to the playoffs. The biggest problem is finding a replacement for quarterback V.J. Lechman, a four-year starter.

Indiana (PA) missed the playoffs for the first time since 1986 and the Indians have renewed their commitment not to let it happen again. They opened the season with seven straight victories but finished poorly with two losses and a tie. With 19 starters back, including all-time leading rusher Michael Mann (779 yards, 10 TDs) and quarterback Scott Woods (2,580 yards passing and 20 TDs), there is plenty of optimism from coach Frank Cignetti.

Gardner-Webb will be one of a number of NAIA schools to make the move to Division II in 1993. The Runnin' Bulldogs came within 30 seconds of the NAIA Division I title and will be a strong favorite to wrap up the South Atlantic Conference for a second straight season. Five All-Americans are back on a team that went 7-0 in SAC play, winning by an average margin of 21.5 points. Quarterback John Craven is a perfect match for coach Woody Fish's hybrid run-and-shoot offense. He passed for 4,089 yards and 37 TDs. Defensive All-Americans include end Gabe Wilkins (11 sacks), inside linebacker Raymond Jennings (152 tackles) and back James Harbison (12 interceptions).

Valdosta State is the Gulf South's second-best team (behind North Alabama). Quarterback Chris Hatcher set 15 school and six conference passing records and is only a junior. Senior Calvin Walker established a school record with 71 receptions. The Blazers lost just one player from an offense that aver-

aged 36 points over its last six games. If the Gulf South race is tight, Valdosta could have an advantage when it hosts North Alabama in its next-to-last game.

Grand Valley State (8-3) is to break out of the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference program with Ashland, Hillsdale and Fer-



rs State, coach Brian Kelly needs to find a replacement for quarterback Brian Tazic, who led the conference a year ago. Depth shouldn't be a problem for the Lakers, who have 22 players back with starting experience. Tailback Rusty Setzer, a transfer from Notre Dame, could provide a major impact.

Angelo State peaked at No. 6 in the poll on the strength of a unit that finished 10th in the nation in scoring defense. Ends Greg Collins and Greg Stokes combined for 13 sacks and 102 tackles. The Rams, though, averaged just 10 points in their five losses. In an effort to improve offensively, coach Jerry Vandergriff signed tailback Chris Chambers (Kilgore Junior College) and added three new linemen.

Fort Hays State did its best work in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, finishing second to Western State but it will need to play better in the nonconference games to challenge for the playoffs. The Tigers went 0-4 in games outside the RMAC. The combination of Dustin McEwen to Lance Schwindt, however, is one of the league's best.

Winning has become a habit at **Hillsdale**, which shared the MIFC title with three other teams. The Chargers, coming off a 9-2 campaign, are looking for even more success in '93 and seem to have the personnel to achieve it. Tailback Scott Schulte, the co-MIFC Player of the Year, rushed for 1,582 yards and 16 touchdowns. Already the leading rusher in school history, he needs 1,004 yards to go over the 4,000 mark. Another plus is a secondary that returns all four starters.

Mankato State will pin its hopes on quarterback Jamie Pass, a solid offensive line and some good running backs. Pass has thrown for nearly 3,000 yards over the past two sea-

sons and should do just as well this year behind a line that returns intact. Another piece of good news for coach Dan Runkle is the return of Rick Fossey, who, after leading Mankato in rushing in 1991, redshirted last fall because of an injury. Runkle must find a replacement for All-America safety David Klawitter.

Northeast Missouri State got a taste of the playoffs after rolling to nine victories during the regular season. To repeat that feat, senior nose guard Mike Roos must equal his '92 numbers (84 tackles, 6 sacks, 12 tackles for losses). Also quarterback Chris Livingstone (1,062 yards, 9 TDs) must return to form after a rotator cuff injury sidelined him for the final six games.

Joseph Best had 12 interceptions for Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion **Fort Valley State**, but the Wildcats were shut out when it came to the playoffs. With nine defensive starters back, including Best, and nine on offense, the Wildcats should again be the class of the SIAC.

North Dakota has played second fiddle for each of the last three seasons to North Dakota State in the North Central Conference. Any chance the Fighting Sioux have of overtaking the Bison will depend on what kind of season tailback Shannon Burnell has. Among the final nine in the Harlon Hill Trophy voting, Burnell picked up 1,170 yards and eight touchdowns in 11 games in 1992, with another 1,000-yard effort in '93 will surpass the 4,000-yard barrier. Still, having to replace 15 starters will make it tough to beat out North Dakota State for the top spot in the NCC.



Norfolk State has a new coach and a new philosophy. Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley has produced everywhere he's been, and Norfolk State should be no different. "Last year, they ran basically a wing-T offense, but what we're going to do is Cooley's offense and Cooley's defense," he said. "My philosophy is that the offense dictates the defense. We'll find their weakness and exploit it."

Emporia State reached No. 12 in last year's poll before dropping its last two games. Half the team's starters are back, including all-conference linebacker Greg Harvey and strong safety Jonathan Daniels.

Best of the Rest

Millersville and **West Chester** should battle throughout the fall for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern title. With 14 starters back from its 7-3 team, Millersville will contend for the playoffs. **East Stroudsburg** could make it a three-way race, despite having to replace 14 starters from an 8-2 squad. In the Western Division, **Slippery Rock** is coming off its best season (8-3) since 1974 and returns Greg Hopkins, who caught 16 passes in one game a year ago.



Ship. Running back Thelbert Withers scored 15 touchdowns and rushed for 1,621 yards for the 7-3-1 Cowboys. Quarterback Jerome Whittaker tossed 25 touchdown passes. Defensive linemen Luis Pisarra and linebacker Todd Williams will have to have big years if the Orediggers are to contend. **Chadron State** (7-3) will base its offense around quarterback Trevor Long and tailback David McCartney.

Although **North Alabama** and **Valdosta State** are the class of the Gulf South Conference, **West Georgia**, **Delta State**, and **Louisiana** will all have a say in the race. **West Georgia** lost four games by a touchdown or less and the Braves have 15 starters back, including quarterback Chris Teal, who threw a GSC-record 25 touchdown passes in '92.

The Lone Star Conference will be as competitive as ever, with three teams ranked in the top 25 and **Central Oklahoma** and **Eastern New Mexico** looking to move into the league's upper echelon. Two-time all-LSC first-team defensive tackle Ira Richards of **Central Oklahoma** is coming off a 63-tackle, 10-sack season. Teammate Tyrone Jones led the LSC with 1,075 yards rushing.

Carson-Newman and **Eaton**, along with the aforementioned Gardner-Webb, give the



South Atlantic Conference instant credibility in Division II. **Carson-Newman** won five NAIA championships in the 1980s and will look to establish itself in Division II immediately. **Eaton** went 8-2 and finished ninth in the NAIA rankings a year ago. With 17 starters back, the Fighting Christans should make it a three-team race in the SAC.

Michigan Tech, coming off a 9-1 record, appears to be the best among the independents. Running back Jeremy Monroe will be looking for his fourth straight 1,000-yard season and is just 373 yards short of 4,000 for his career. He scored 20 TDs a year ago.

Wayne State went heavy on junior college transfers and landed some good ones, including quarterback Brett Salisbury (brother of the Minnesota Vikings' Sean Salisbury) and wide receiver Jerry Garrett (95 catches for 1,507 yards and 18 TDs) at Palomar (CA) JC.

Alabama A&M could dethrone **Fort Valley State** in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference if Jerome Jackson continues his surge from late last season. He led the team with 705 yards on 127 carries.

If **Western State** and **Fort Hays** slip in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, **New Mexico Highlands** or **Colorado School of Mines** could slide into the league champion-

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Jim Ballard's mom, Bonnie, called the USA Today sports department late last year requesting national coverage of her rifle-armed son, the quarterback at Mount Union. "There's no ignoring Jimmy's numbers," she said. Mom is a receptionist by profession with the feistiness to get on the phone and promote her son. She was nevertheless correct. Ballard went on to set 15 school and seven NCAA records and put his team into the Division III semifinals. He also picked up a few human votes along the way.

"Going into last season we didn't have a returning running back with any type of numbers," said coach Larry Kehres. "We did think we would throw a considerable amount, in the 40 percent range." With the green light, Ballard completed 254 of 398 passes for 3,903 yards and 37 touchdowns, pushing his career totals to 8,322 passing yards and 86 TDs.

Ballard began at Wilmington College in 1990, throwing for 2,109 yards and 22 touchdowns as a freshman. When coach Bill Ramseyer left to take the job at Clinch Valley (VA)

yard. Although his tear moved the ball at will, Ballard threw five interceptions while being hounded by La Crosse defenders Ed Bubonics, an All-America 'in' 1991 who missed last season with a back injury, returns to complement fellow receivers Sean Lyons and Mike Sirianni and tight end Bob Atwood, the latter two all-Ohio Athletic Conference selections. The defense appears solid with returning linemen Jim Frink and Mike Hallett.

While Ballard has the statistics, Wisconsin-La Crosse senior quarterback Jason Gonnion has the national championship and is one of 13 returning starters on his team (12-0-1). Gonnion showed exceptional leadership in guiding La Crosse to a 16-12 victory over Washington & Jefferson in last year's Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. La Crosse won despite the absence of coach Roger Harring, who

was recovering from heart surgery. Senior running back John Janke (2,437 career yards including 692 and 10 TDs in '92) rejoins Gonnion in the backfield, and the Eagles remain the favorites over Wisconsin-Whitewater and Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the tough Wisconsin State University Conference.

Mount Union will be pressed within the Ohio Athletic Conference by rival Baldwin-Wallace, which went 8-2 and missed the playoffs after losing to archrival Mount Union and to Ohio Northern in a late upset. Six starters return on offense, including All-America quarterback John Koz, who was fifth in the nation in passing efficiency last fall while increasing his career totals to 5,271 yards and 46 TDs, and 6-5, 200-pound wide receiver Lance Yandell (51 catches and 7 TDs). Six regulars are back on defense, where senior outside linebacker Tim Jansen could be a dominating player. End Phil Sahley and hard-hitting safety Scott Powers (the brother of Michigan's Ricky) are big-play performers.

Augustana (IL) retains 15 regulars, including nine on offense, from the team that went 6-3, the school's worst mark since 1980. The line features four returnees from the unit that averaged 290.3 rushing yards per game. All-conference Scott Tumilty ran for 788 yards and 10 touchdowns as a freshman. Sophomore quarterback Tommy King shows promise. The defense is more suspect. Linebacker Rusty Van-Wetzinga had 90 tackles as a freshman and was first-team all-conference. Coach Bob Reade is now 131-19-1, dropping his percentage to .871 and No. 2 behind Knute Rockne (.881).



Ballard transferred closer to his Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, home and No. 1 fan Bonnie. Now hailed as Division III's top quarterback, the 6-4 senior has bulked up to 220 pounds for a title run and pro interest. "The guys that do the scouting have made the rounds and come in and seen him. It's hard for me to say," said Kehres. "He's big, he's not slow, he's got what I consider a great arm and outstanding accuracy. I'm hopeful for him, but I'd hate to put pressure on him."

With 14 starters back, Mount Union looks like the national championship favorite after narrowly missing the final game last year. Ballard engineered a 27-10 upset of No. 1 Dayton and a 49-27 quarterfinal victory over Illinois Wesleyan before Mount Union fell to eventual national champion Wisconsin-La Crosse, 29-24, in a memorable semifinal that haunts Ball-

Darwin Breaux, the offensive coordinator the past five years, is the new coach at Dickinson. He replaced Ed Sweeney, who took the Colgate job after last season's 8-2-1 mark. Eight regulars are back, including the entire offensive line, and quarterback John Tice has experience, having started half the games last fall, but replacements are needed at tailback and wide receiver. Lou Cristinziani, the 1990 ECAC Rookie of the Year, is now a senior and appears ready to step in for the departed Alex Plomaritis (1,300 rushing yards). Defense could be a problem since only the linebackers, led by Jason Fox (7 interceptions), return.

With 18 returning starters from the team that went 8-1-1, Wittenberg looks like a bona fide national contender. Middle linebacker Trevor Johnson, the North Coast Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year and an AP Little All America, heads the unit that was first in the league in rushing, scoring, and total defense. Tailback Marlon Perryman, who has fallen just short of 1,000 yards in each of the past two seasons, and junior quarterback J.R. Runkel, who completed 57 percent of his passes with only three interceptions, lead the offense.

If all goes well for St. John's (MN) John Gagliardi (294-95-10) in his 40th year on the sidelines, he should get his 300th victory on October 16 at Bethel. As usual, the Johnnies are balanced with 15 regulars back from the team that went 8-1-1 a year ago. Quarterback Wade Labatte (1,746 yards passing and 21 TDs) is gone and junior Pat Kemper is the preseason favorite to take over. He has two good receivers in Ryan Murray (35-55-7-8) and Jeremy Lorentz (26-562-6). Guard Burt Chamberlain was the MIAC Lineman of the Year. The secondary, with Greg Thomas (9 interceptions), Scott Wilts, and Tony Lesch, is the strongest part of the defense.

Simpson features senior All-American tailback Trent Nauholz, who ran for 1,302 yards—despite missing two games—and was the Division III scoring leader with 16.0 points per game and 128 overall. There's a battle at quarterback between returning starters Scott Dinske and Dan Clark. And although coach Jim Williams prefers the run, the receiving corps is strong with Chris Stokes (26-354) and Shannon Bucknell (15-177). Nose tackle Jason Anthony, a presence in the middle of the strong line, may be moved to linebacker. The defense must shore up the secondary.

After winning the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in 1991, Ithaca fell in the first round of the playoffs last fall to Buffalo State. That didn't detract from coach Jim Butterfield's milestone year. The victory over Washington & Jefferson in the regular-season finale was Butterfield's 200th (200-67-1 in 26 years) and earned Ithaca its 11th postseason appearance. South Hill Field was renamed Jim Butterfield Stadium. This year's team is young, with just eight returning regulars. Linebackers Jon Genese



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St. John's (MN)

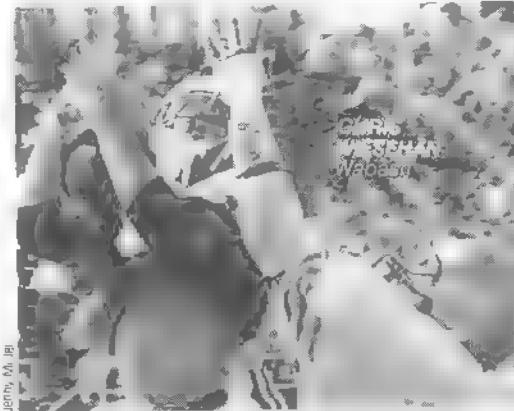
and Jake Cerrone and cornerback Jay Zunica anchor a defense that appears more set than the offense. Senior fullback Mike Murtha replaces All-American Jeff Witzman. Senior Ron Smith and junior Greg Murphy will battle for the No. 1 quarterback job and throw to senior split end Joe Palumbo.

Concordia (Moorhead) went 7-2-1 last year and should contend for the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title this fall. All-MIAA tailback Mike Jousma (1,125 yards) is the main man in the run-oriented attack. Quarterback is a tossup between Ryan Beachy and Kyle Odermann, good passers who will get ample protection from a solid line. Linebackers Harold Hegg and John Byorth are all-league material. The line, though, will be new.

Nineteen starters return from a very young Widener club that went 3-6-1 last year but 2-2-1 down the stretch for first-year coach Bill Gibbit. Quarterbacks Vic Ameye and Scott MacHenry will take turns throwing to Keith Dukes and Boonta Kheuangthirath. The offense's line is intact, good news for slotback Bill Bailey and fullback Doug MacLaughlin. Three linebackers—Blaise Coleman, Chris MacHenry and Jim Pitts—and all-ECAC free safety Jeff Alison are back on defense. Punter Jim Wark (38.8) also helps.

After a 6-2-1 record including 5-0-1 in the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference, playoff hopes are high in Wabash, which could have its best team since the 1982 squad went 10-0. Nine starters are back from the unit that ranked ninth nationally in total offense (426.4 yards per game). Running back David Kogan gained 701 yards and seven touchdowns in seven games. Quarterback Chris Ings set a Division III freshman record for total offense (271.87 yards per game). Chris Wiesehan caught 51 passes for 873 yards and nine TDs and has 3,477 career all-purpose yards. The defense must be rebuilt to replace seven regulars, but linebackers Eric Schoettle and Sean Salterfield and end Todd Parish, a transfer from Yale, provide a firm foundation.

Coach Bob Nielsen has his best team in his third year at Wartburg with 15 returning starters. An experienced offensive line is headed by tackle Jeff Heugel (6-5, 285). Tailback Bob Beatty has rushed for almost 2,000 yards in his first two seasons. There will be a new quarterback, with last year's No. 2 man, Mike Elijah, probably stepping up. "The key is how we play up front," said Nielsen. "We've got a difficult early schedule, so how our quarterback comes along will determine a lot." The linebacking corps of Nate Hill, Don Heidemann, Koby Kreinbring, and Joe Walczyk returns.



JOHN CARROLL lost 10 defensive regulars from an 8-2 team putting the pressure on coach Tony DeCarlo's 92 backups. The biggest loss, however, is running back Willie Beers, whose career yardage (4,397) is fifth all time in the Division III record book. Brad Engard and Shaunte Lett will compete for his spot. Returning guard Greg Zawadzki and center Matt Francis will help and quarterback P.J. Insana is expected to throw more this fall. The lone returnee on defense is senior free safety Aaron Perusek. A bright spot is the play of the special teams. Punter Ryan Haley (40.1) was fifth nationally and place-kicker Mario Vantente set a school record with 42 extra points.

With 18 returning starters from the 9-2 team that dropped a first-round playoff game to Emory & Henry, Thomas More should dominate the four-team Association of Midwest Colleges. The only loss on offense is quarterback John Paul Case. His replacement will be last year's No. 2 man, Larry Hutson. Todd Schaeffer, or Brian Castner, junior tailback Ryan Reynolds, a third-team All-American as a kick returner (33.8), rushed for 1,171 yards. Linebacker Mike Woolf, who had 167 tackles and was second-team All-American, anchors a defense that includes end Joe Shriver (13 sacks), cornerback Chris Haliburton (5 interceptions), and tackle Jim Ravenna (8 sacks).

Since boiting from the NAIA Division II Defiance has gone 8-2 in 1991 and 9-1 in '92, when the defense against the run (59.4 yards per game) was nationally ranked. The goal

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this year for coach Maien Luke is the playoffs. His first priority is to replace running back Von Cummings (4,131 career yards, including 1,108 last fall). Among the 19 returning starters are quarterback John Smith (1,500 passing yards), wide receiver/kick returner Sammy Williams, defensive back Jason Ramsey, and nose guard Matt Skala.

The offensive line returns intact along with eight defensive regulars for **Redlands**, which has won three consecutive Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles and made the playoffs two of the last three years. The offensive backfield will be new, but there is a valuable weapon in junior Garrett Skipper, who may be Division III's top kicker. A transfer from Southern Cal, he was second-team All-America, hitting all 35 extra points and nine of 13 field goals (the four misses were from beyond the 45-yard line).

Emory & Henry should have little trouble winning its sixth Old Dominion Athletic Conference title in nine years. Fifteen starters are back, including offensive linemen Reid Ebert, Rex Carter, Ernie Maddy and John Ely. Quarterback Eric Montgomery, who broke his leg in the second game last fall, returns to direct an offense that averaged 406.1 yards and 31.4 points per game. Senior defensive end Scott Pruner is a two-time ODAC first-teamer with 31 career sacks.

Washington & Jefferson, the national runner-up (11-2) last season, lost All-American running back Chris Babrak and quarterback Bob Strope and has no experienced replacements. But coach John Luckhardt has a capable defense, led by linebackers Shawn Pendergast (124 tackles and 5 sacks) and Jeff Zamiska (67-3), end Shawn McGee (77-9) and tackle Eric Tarpay (92-5). Offensive veterans include guard John Mueller (6-5, 330), tackle Jason Moore, wide receiver Mike Specia (50 receptions for 648 yards and 4 TDs), and running back Bryan Bandes (508 yards and 5 TDs).

Sixteen regulars return at **Wisconsin-Whitewater** (8-2) for coach Bob Berezowitz, including two dominant ones: senior offensive tackle Dave Lang (6-3, 300) and junior tailback Spencer Johnson (1,012 yards and 6 TDs). Junior quarterback Bryan Pytleski started every game in '92 and smiles at the return of his entire offensive line. The top defenders are backs Tim DeForest and John Forchette and linemen Talmadge Kimmons.

Wisconsin-Stevens Point was 6-4 last season and missed winning the Wisconsin State University Conference after a two-point loss to eventual champion La Crosse and a one-point loss to Wisconsin-Whitewater. Running back Jimmy Henderson (832 yards and 13 TDs), quarterback Roger Hauri (1,016 yards passing and 6 TDs), tight end Scott Zwierschitz (35 receptions for 492 yards and 2 TDs), and a veteran offensive line guide the Pointers' run-

oriented attack. All-American back Randy Simpson (84 tackles and 8 interceptions) directs the defense.

Worcester Polytechnic won nine games last year for the first time in the school's 104 football seasons and appears strong again. The defending Freedom Football Conference champions averaged 31.3 points per game with a potent running attack. It's back and stars tailbacks Jason Wooley (820 yards and 11 TDs) and Ernie Ansah (680-5) and running back Tony Padua (13 TDs). Defensive standouts include nose guard Joe Laskowski, linebacker Matt Mercer, and safety Sean Conley.

Fifth-year coach D.J. LeRoy returns quarterback Guy Simons and running back Carey Bender from a Coe team that led Division II in scoring (46.4 points per game). Simons has career totals of 192 completions in 420 attempts for 3,362 yards and 34 touchdowns. Bender has run for 2,197 yards and 26 TDs and caught 61 passes for 842 yards and seven TDs. Marcus Atkins returns to the defensive line after sitting out a year with an injury. He'll be joined by end Aaron Slyre, linebacker Tim Smyth (121 tackles), and backs Brian Johnson, Aaron Vcko and Brian Ferry.

Only nine starters return for coach Steve Briggs. Sixty-one, who carries the moniker "Grand Young Man of Football" for his 27-6 record at **Susquehanna**, the school made famous by Amos Alonzo Stagg. The Middle Atlantic Conference has been realigned and the Crusaders find themselves in the new Commonwealth League with Albright, Juniata, Lebanon Valley, Moravian, and Widener. John Heim is an exceptional defensive tackle and Mike Gerhart anchors the secondary but there are concerns on offense where every 92 starter is gone. Matt Plessinger who threw two passes last fall, and Erick Hackenberg, a transfer from Virginia, are competing to succeed all-MAC quarterback Jim Filipovits. The September 11 home opener vs. Lycoming and the September 18 road game at Washington & Jefferson are brutal early tests.

In his final year as coach, former NFL linebacker John Bunting directed **Rowan** to the NCAA semifinals before taking an assistant job with the Kansas City Chiefs. K.C. Keeler, the offensive coordinator the last five years, is the new head man. He has some holes to fill on defense, where just four starters return. His offense, however, is back intact and should light up the scoreboard behind senior quarterback Ed Hesson, a four-year regular who completed 114 of 225 for 1,701 yards and 21 touchdowns in 10 games last fall, and wide receiver Kirby Johnson (40 receptions and 9 TDs). Center Chris Stalcup, tackles Anthony Makoski and Andy Dunn, and guards Scott Sprengel and Matt Swift comprise the line. Halfback Calvin Easley (557 yards and 7 TDs) and fullback Jarvis Perry (432-12) are proven. Senior linebacker John Rechner and strong



safety Doug Watson anchor the defense.

Preseason All-American linebacker Joe Gilt is one of seven senior returning defensive starters at **Lebanon Valley**, which went 7-3 last fall, its best record since 1960. Kris Kohler, Jim Geisal, Tom Kennedy, and Rodney Kovach are two-year regulars on the line. Quarterback Kirk Seesholtz threw for 1,186 yards and 11 TDs. Mike Hartman, Jeff Geisel and Brady Smith anchor the offensive line.

There are holes to fill on the 10-1 **Illinois Wesleyan** team that won the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin title. Wide receiver Chris Bisailon, who set 11 school and five NCAA records, including most career touchdown catches (55), and quarterback Tom Monken (2,565 yards passing) are the biggest losses. But the offensive line is back, led by senior center Pat Moore and junior tackle Ed Lefevour. The defense will be strong with linebacker and league MVP Rob Zvonar (119 tackles) and senior back Rick Kozlowski who intercepted a school-record seven passes a year ago. Other stalwarts include outside linebackers Genele Crowell and Brian Tencza and linemen Chad Shepherd.

Five first-team all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association offensive players return at **Albion**, led by senior quarterback and league MVP Mike Montico (1,613 yards passing and 14 TDs) and 1,000-yard rusher Gabe Cooper. The line, headed by all-MIAA center Ron Dawson, returns intact. The defense is also solid with junior Jim Heaslip (12 sacks), linebackers Eric Baxmann and Ron Smith and backs Todd Sebold and Derek Mazur.

Despite losing touchdown-maker Stanley Drayton, **Allegheny** will not go down the tubes, not with 6-3, 215-pound quarterback Paul Bell on hand. He set the conference stan-

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dard for passing efficiency. Chuck Bremer, the No. 2 rusher as a sophomore last year, replaces Drayton at tailback. Senior free safety Mark Spoerke was first-team all-conference; nose tackle Eric Winslow was a second-team honoree. Problem areas: tight end, linebacker, defensive end, and punter.

Lycoming went 8-1-1 last year and won its fourth consecutive Middle Atlantic Conference title. With a 28-game regular-season unbeaten streak and nine starters back on defense (all juniors) and eight on offense, it will be the team to beat again this fall. The big guns include tight end Brian Lafty (22 receptions), quarterback Elliot Domenick (1,436 yards passing and 10 TDs), and offensive lineman Tim Kinney (6-5, 290). Defensively, linebacker Bob Shull and lineman Ken Bergmann are All-Americans.

Millikin had a down year (4-5 overall) in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin but expects to be much improved this fall. The key player is junior quarterback Brian Ganser. All-conference offensive lineman Shane Crandall is also back.

Despite the return of three-time all-NCAC quarterback Jim Clark, **Ohio Wesleyan** remains the league dark horse behind Wittenberg and Allegheny. Wingback Brian Willis (7.9 yards per carry) returns, but the fullback spot is open and tight end Steve Alexander will be tough to replace. Seven starters are back on defense, including four linemen and All-America safety Ryan Spicer.

For **Ferrum** coach Hank Norton, success depends on a defensive core of six returning starters led by linebacker Jim Kitts and tackle Martin Asprey. Offensively, the team is young. Sophomores Millard Vining and John Pindexter will compete at quarterback. Senior fullback Levi Frye is a strong runner. Last year's 4-5 season was partly the result of a difficult schedule that included Division I-AA power Western Carolina.

John Audino's first year at **Union** was rocky: three victories, three losses, and three more victories as the Dutchmen discovered a quarterback. Scott Newton guided the team in those final three games and should get the starting nod over fellow junior Chad Stoffer, who is returning from knee surgery. The offensive line appears strong, with Greg Oswitt, Dan Plakans, and John Parsons opening holes for tailback Chris Irving (1,392 career yards). Senior linebackers Marco Lainez and Craig Mosia were in on 211 tackles. The schedule is imposing: Nine of this fall's opponents went 51-37-1 in '92.

Aurora retains 17 starters from the team that earned the school's first playoff berth (a 21-12 opening-round loss to Illinois Wesleyan). Only six regulars are back on the offense, though, where the pressure is on junior tailback Dan Dixon to replace the departed Derek Tieman (1,233 yards). Quarterback

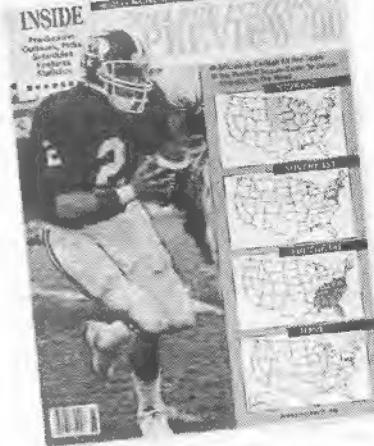
Derek Avery will again run the show and 6-4, 260-pound tackle Tim Heinz helped Aurora compile a school-record 2,300 rushing yards in nine games. The top defenders are senior linemen Brad Delphy and Jeff Kuna and back Doug Bruyn, who is also the punter.

Two-time Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference quarterback Shad Flynn enters this season as the first four-year starter in **Central** (IA) history. He completed 57 percent of his passes a year ago for 1,494 yards as the Dutchmen won the IIAC for the ninth time in 11 years and advanced to the national quarterfinals. Tackle Jeff Helle anchors the offensive line and Glen Hummel the defensive. But an all-new receiving corps and a defense that must replace All-America linebacker Bill Mulder and three regulars in the secondary are the biggest worries for Ron Schipper, who has guided Central to eight playoff appearances since 1984 and an NCAA-record 32 winning seasons. He ranks third among active coaches in career victories (252-61-3 in 32 years) behind Grambling's Eddie Robinson and St. John's (MN) John Gagliardi.

DePauw went 4-4-2 last season, but hopes are high for an offense that returns six regulars. Either Brian Goodman (1,012 passing yards) or Brian Lansu (1,235) will play quarterback. Jim Fiscella (30 catches for 533 yards) and Bradley Hill (27-419) are the wide receivers and '92 rushing leader Ron Hermann the tailback. Dan Elmore, Pat Roberts, and Rob Cellini are back on the line. The loss of nine defensive starters, however, is a problem. Only nose tackle Benson Henry and tackle Tim Hedrick return. Big game alert: The November 13 clash with Wabash will be the 100th meeting between the schools, with the series tied at 45-45-9.

It would be interesting to see what **Williams**, a traditional power, could do in the NCAA playoffs, but the Ephmen eschew them due to New England Small College Athletic Conference rules. Coach Dick Farley went 5-2-1 last fall—the first time in five years that Williams lost more than one game—and included the 500th victory, the first school in Division III in New England to reach that milestone. The top defensive returnees are Bobby Walker, Chris McIlraith, Mike Levine, Dan Gill, and Syam Buradagunta. Farley needs to replace his quarterback but he does have an experienced offensive line and quick running backs.

Shocked **Middlebury** alumni watched coach Mickey Heinecken's team bolt to a 7-1 mark after a 2-6 record in 1991. That success could be hard to duplicate with most of the offensive line gone. (Co-captain Jon Fortin returns.) Todd Anderson replaces Andy Hyland at quarterback and co-captain Matt Whitcomb is the top running back. The defense looks solid with all-ECAC linebacker Dave Middleton, end Winfield Campbell, and backs Roy McKinnon and Will White.



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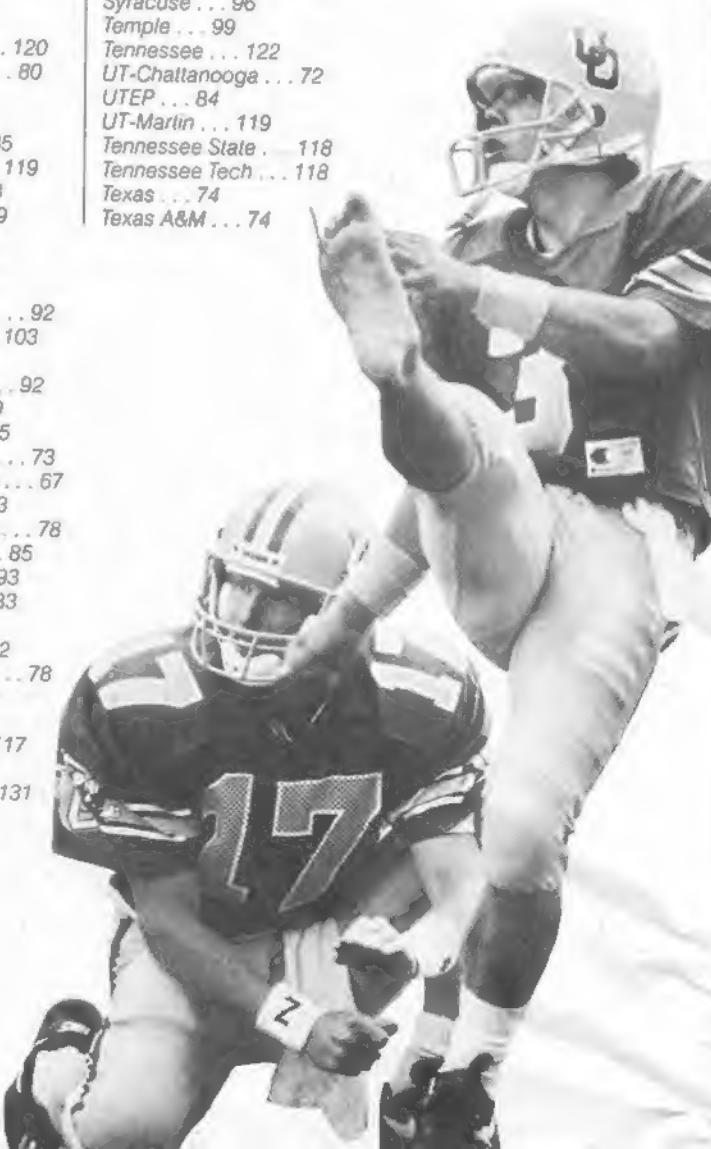
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